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Case40 : Known Discrepancy

I'LL ENJOY TOYING WITH HIM WHILE HE'S INCAPACITATED AND I'M HEALING.
I DOUBT A NOVICE LIKE YOU COULD KILL HIM WITH A SINGLE SHOT, BUT YOU'LL AT LEAST PUT HIM IN THE HOSPITAL.
SO, I CAN REALLY LEAVE THE GROUP IF I GET THAT GUY?
HE'S NOT FROM 'ROUND HERE, IS HE?
HOTEL AIYO
HE CAME IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR. NOTHING BUT A WANDERER.
YEAH. PLUG HIM TWO, THREE TIMES, AND AFTER THAT, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE.

SEEMS HE'S A MARTIAL ARTIST... HE'S USED TO FIGHTING. THAT MUCH IS CERTAIN.
THERE'VE BEEN SOME STUPID RUMORS THAT HE'S BEEN ABLE TO BEAT BEARS WITH HIS BARE HANDS, BUT DON'T LET THAT SCARE YOU.
R-, RIGHT!
SHUDDER...
BUT YOU'LL BE FINE. ANY SO-CALLED "MASTER" IS POWERLESS AGAINST A PISTOL.
IF YOU RUN FROM THIS, THE ONE TO DIE WILL BE YOU.

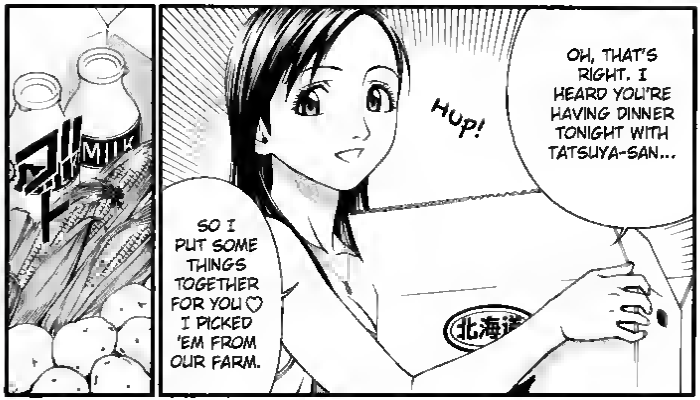
Case40 : Known Discrepancy

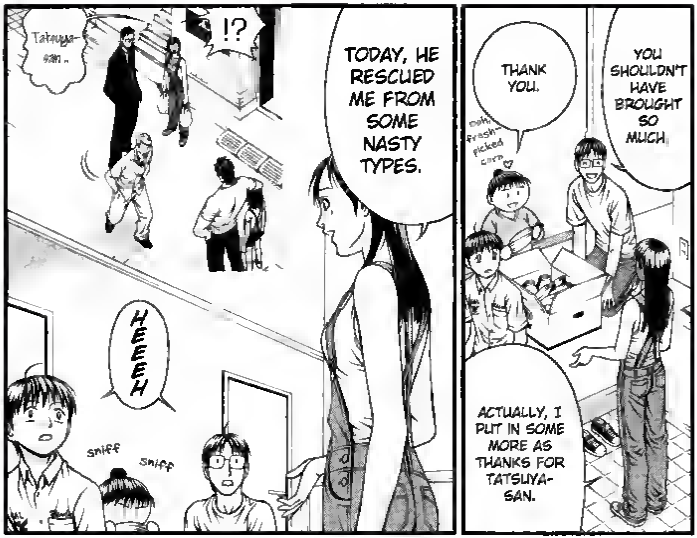
VHHHHN...
AH, WELCOME BACK, FATHER ♡
YOU DIDN'T GO STRAIGHT TO KOSUKE-GAWA-SAN'S HOUSE?
SHUT
.....
YEAH.
I HAVEN'T WORKED UP A SWEAT LIKE I DID WITH GINGA IN A LONG TIME, SO I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A SHOWER.
THAT WOULD BE BEST.

I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD WEAR.....?
IF YOU WERE TO GO TO DINNER SMELLING SWEATY,
YOU WOULDN'T BE VERY WELCOME TO MR. AND MRS. KOSUKE-GAWA.
UFU ♡
.....
WHAT WAS THAT ...
REALLY CREEPY 'UFU♡' SUPPOSED TO MEAN !?

..... W-, WELL, SORRY!!
..... HMMM I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD ENOUGH THAT MOTOKO GOT A BOYFRIEND...
HEH, NOW YOU'RE ALL RED... IT'S NOT LIKE I'M AGAINST IT.
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, OLD MAN!? YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME SWEATY AGAIN!!
HE'S ALREADY ACCEPTED EVERYTHING ABOUT US AND MOTOKO!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE MOST HOT AND BOTHERED OVER IT.
I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED. MEANS YOU'RE GOING THROUGH A REGULAR YOUTH
FUH
H-, HMPH!
GRAB
IT'LL BE FINE WITH KOSUKE-GAWA!
EVEN IF YOU PRETEND TO BE MOTOKO, IN THE END, SHE'LL BE THE ONE GETTING MARRIED.
YOU'LL NEVER FOOL ANYONE INTO THINKING YOU'RE A LADY, HIBIKI!!

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING GINGA HOME, NAOKO-SAN.
NAH, I HAD STUFF TO BRING OVER ANYWAY... SO, IS SHE GONNA BE OK?
AFTER SHE TRAINED WITH TATSUYA-SAN, SHE STARTED MOVING SLOWER THAN OUR COWS...
WELL, AS LONG AS SHE CAN MOVE BY HERSELF I THINK SHE'LL BE FINE.
PSHOOO...

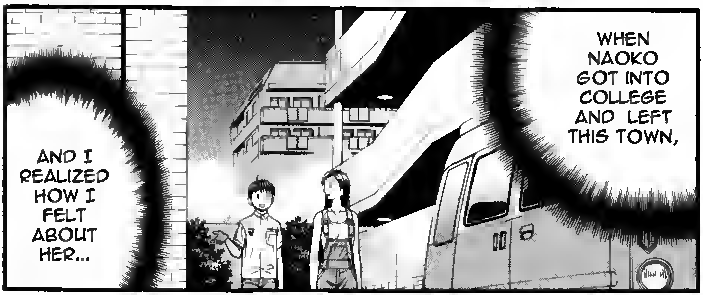

OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I HEARD YOU'RE HAVING DINNER TONIGHT WITH TATSUYA-SAN...
HUP!
SO I PUT SOME THINGS TOGETHER FOR YOU♡ I PICKED 'EM FROM OUR FARM.
MILK


Tatsuya-san..
!?
TODAY, HE RESCUED ME FROM SOME NASTY TYPES.
HEEEH
Sniff
Sniff
THANK YOU.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT SO MUCH
Some fresh picked corn
ACTUALLY, I PUT IN SOME MORE AS THANKS FOR TATSUYA-SAN.
WELL, I GOTTA GO GET DINNER STARTED, SO I'LL BE GOING.
SAY HI TO NABE-SAN FOR ME.
It's even good raw
THEN I'LL TAKE HER DOWNSTAIRS AND THEN GO PICK UP MOTOKO-CHAN AND TATSUYA-SAN.

PUTTING ON LIPSTICK IS HARD! LOOK, I'LL BE RIGHT OUT.
HOTEL AIYO
HOW LONG YOU PLAN ON GETTIN' DOLLED UP? I'M LEAVING WITHOUT YOU.

EVER SINCE I WAS A KID, I DID A LOT OF DIRTY THINGS THAT I REGRET.
AZYO

AND THEN,
I HIT TEACHERS AND BOSSES OVER STUPID THINGS AND GOT FIRED LOTS
THERE WAS THE TIME IN ELEMENTARY I MADE MY MOM CRY WHEN I SHOPLIFTED THAT TEN CENT GUM


AND I REALIZED HOW I FELT ABOUT HER...
WHEN NAOKO GOT INTO COLLEGE AND LEFT THIS TOWN,

HOTEL ALTO
!?
HERE HE COMES! IT'S HIM!
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D COME OUT AGAIN TODAY
I-, I CAN DO THIS!
THAT'S WHY I GOTTA DO THIS!
I GOTTA KILL HIM SO I CAN QUIT THE GROUP!
SQUEEZE...
THEN I CAN GO OUT WITH NAOKO, LIKE A NORMAL COUPLE, AND WE CAN BE PEACEFUL AND HAPPY!!

CLICK
JUST SHOOT
TWO, THREE TIMES!
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!!

WHAT?
FIRE-WORKS ?
DAD !?
!?
...NO FREAKIN' WAY.

YOU DODGED THEM ALL!?
I DIDN'T HIT HIM EVEN ONCE!?
WHO'RE YOU?
IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE, YOU JUST MOVE BEFORE THE SHOT.
THAT WAS CLOSE.
THOSE HURT WHEN THEY HIT.

THE KEY IS GUTS AND REFLEXES. REMEMBER THAT, HIBIKI.
He's surprisingly smart
ALL I NEED TO DO IS PIVOT ABOUT FORTY CENTIMETERS TO THE SIDE. BULLETS ONLY TRAVEL IN STRAIGHT LINES, SO THEY'RE EASY TO READ.
IF I STAND IN "HANMI," I BECOME A SMALLER TARGET, AND ONCE I SEE WHICH WAY THE MUZZLE'S POINTING, THE MOMENT YOU START TO PULL THE TRIGGER,

TRANSLATION NOTE ON *HANMI* IS AT THE END OF THE CHAPTER QUICK NOTE IS IT'S A SIDE STANCE, AND THE MOST COMMON MARTIAL ARTS STANCE WHEN PEOPLE POSE LIKE THEY'RE IN A MARTIAL ARTS STANCE !

KENJI
.....
KUH!
TA-TSUYA-SAN
.....
HAH
KENJI-SAN'S TRYING TO LEAVE THE YAKUZA TO BE WITH NAOKO-SAN
DON'T MOVE! IF I DON'T SHOOT YOU, THEN I CAN'T QUIT THE GROUP!
I WANNA-, I WANNA QUIT THE GROUP AND GO DO KARAOKE WITH HER ...
AND BE PEACEFUL AND HAPPY!!
HMPH. SO THIS IS ABOUT THE GROUP, HUH? I SHOULD'VE KNOWN. IN THAT CASE,
NO MERCY!

KO-SUKE-GAWA !?
STOP THIS, KENJI-SAN!
THAT GIRL!
WHAT?
.....
AH
I'VE GOT A LOT TO DO WITH THIS! I ALREADY KNOW YOU, KENJI-SAN,
WHY'RE YOU HERE? YOU GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THIS, SO GET AWAY! IT'S NOT SAFE!!
AND THIS MAN IS MOTOKO-CHAN'S FATHER!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE, EITHER!!
B... BUT, PLEASE... IF I DON'T SHOOT THAT GUY... I..
THERE'S NO GOOD REASON FOR A MAN
TO KILL ANO-THER MAN!!
BUT IF THIS WERE A BATTLEFIELD, AND IT WAS KILL-OR-BE-KILLED, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
EH!?
WHAT I WOULD DO, WELL, I'M REALLY NOT SURE ...
HGH ....
FUH

THERE'S NO JUSTICE!
IN THAT SITUATION, BOTH ARE WRONG. I MEAN, THAT IS TO SAY...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS IF THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THAT WAY, THEN MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE "ABSOLUTE JUSTICE"
COULD EXIST AFTER ALL.
YOU'RE AN AMAZING KID.
AND YOU WERE HELPING THAT OLD MAN WHO YOU WENT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM..
.....
BUT THERE IS JUSTICE IN YOU, KENJI-SAN!
THERE'S NO JUSTICE FOR A YAKUZA LIKE ME!!
MOVE IT!!
YOU DIDN'T ABANDON ME WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING THE BEAR.
EH?

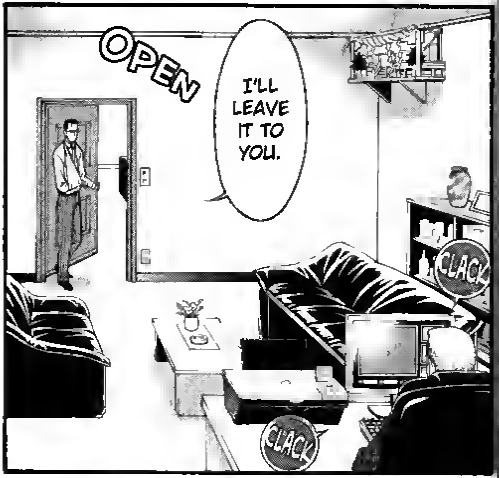
SHUT UP! IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME NOW!
IF I RUN AWAY, I'LL BE KILLED!
ANIKI'S ORIGINALLY FROM THE HEAD OFFICE. NO MATTER WHERE I RUN-...
NA ...
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SUCH AN
IMBE-CILE!
NAOKO !?

TATSUYA-SAN SAVED ME FROM THAT ANIKI OF YOURS!
STUPID!!
WHAT!?
STUPID!!
YOU'RE ALWAYS ACTING BEFORE YOU THINK..
USING VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF YOUR HEAD ..
S.
SORRY
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE RUNS AWAY
BEFORE THEY SEE WHAT A GOOD PERSON YOU ARE!!
UMM.. I DON'T THINK HE CAN HEAR YOU ANY-MORE
STUPID! STUPID!
STUPID!!
AH.

I'M SO SORRY, TATSUYA-SAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I...
EH!?
IS THAT... ALRIGHT WITH YOU?
FOLLOWING POLICE PROTOCOL WOULD BE A BIG HASSLE, AND I'M USED TO STUFF LIKE THIS.
ANYWAY, LET KOU-SAN KNOW I'LL BE A LITTLE LATE FOR DINNER, WOULD YA?
AH..... OKAY !!
HE NEEDS TO GO TURN THE GUN IN TO THE POLICE.
BUT DON'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT SHOOTING IT, THAT ONLY GETS 'EM RILED UP.
MY INSTINCTS FOR PEOPLE NEVER FAIL ME, AND IT LOOKS LIKE MY DAUGHTERS HAVE EQUALLY GOOD EYES FOR MEN.
Take care of her!
TH-..... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WELL, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE, SON-IN-LAW ♡
ﾁｬｷﾝ

S-, SON-IN-LAW? WAIT, WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY "TAKE CARE OF ...!?
HE MEANS THOSE GUYS HE MET EARLIER.
HE'S GONNA GIVE THEM SOME PAY-BACK
EEEH!?
AND AFTER I'VE TAKEN A SHOWER AND SPENT ALL THAT TIME GET-TING READY
TUG
GRL
IF I LET THE OLD MAN GO ALONE, ATTEMPTED MURDER WON'T BE OUR ONLY PROBLEM.
I'LL BE AWAY FOR A BIT TOO, DARLING ♡
CHUU
I-, I'LL COME, TOO!
AH!
HIBIKI-KUN'S THE ONE KEEPING SOMEONE ELSE IN CHECK...?

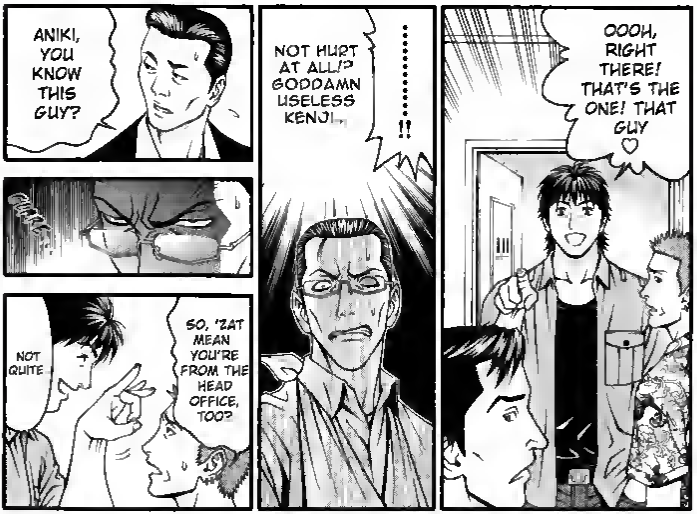
PUNTA
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO TAKE THEM DOWN
TATSUMI
KEN-SAN
MITSUKAZU
WORK, BOYS.
ALRIGHT, ALREADY !!
PLAY YOUR GAME IF YOU WANT, BUT DO PLEASE CHECK ON THE MAIL FROM THE HEAD OFFICE. THERE'S QUITE A BIT PILED UP.


OPEN
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
CLACK
CLACK

CLICK
CLACK
HMPH, THESE RURAL YAKUZA SURE ARE LAID BACK.

BOSS, YOU SHOULD BE GETTING BACK HOME SOON.
YES! BUT I'LL STAY A LITTLE LONGER.

DO YA' EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU ARE!? HEY, GASBAG!
CLOSE
HUH? A PRAYING MANTIS WITH GLASSES?
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


ANIKI, YOU KNOW THIS GUY?
NOT HURT AT ALL!? GODDAMN USELESS KENJI...
.....!!
OOOH, RIGHT THERE! THAT'S THE ONE! THAT GUY ♡
NOT QUITE
SO, 'ZAT MEAN YOU'RE FROM THE HEAD OFFICE, TOO?

I'M JUST A REGULAR OLD MAN WITH NO ADDRESS AND NO JOB,
AND THIS IS A RAID ♡
KILL HIM!!
AAAHH !?
STAND
!?
WHY YOU !!
SHINS
ANIKI !!

WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE !!!
IT'S A ONE-MAN... RAID...
IT'S JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER TODAY
B-, BOSS!
IS THIS TRUE, TACHI-HARA ...?
.....
THAT GUY TRIED TO GRAB A GIRL AND THEN PUT A HIT OUT ON ME.
RUKAWA TATSUYA, DRIFTER.
!!!
HMM... AN IM-PRESS-IVE MAN...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I WON'T HAVE YOU USING MY MEN FOR YOUR PETTY REVENGE!!
PUT THE DOSU AWAY, TACHIHARA! WE'RE IN THE BUSINESS OF MONEY!
SO WHAT IF IT IS? IF WE LET OURSELVES GET PUSHED AROUND BY ONE MAN,
AH... NO, YOU CAN FIGHT BACK, I DON'T MIND.....
ALL OF YOU,PUT AWAY YOUR WEA-PONS!
Y-...
YES SIR.
WE'LL BE A DISGRACE TO THE TITLE OF YAKUZA!
TACHI-HARA!
I DON'T THINK SO... I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU SPINE-LESS RURAL YAKUZA TRASH!

PAT
TAG ♡
THAT'S THE SPIRIT ♡
HEHEH
OOOH
HUH?

SWING AROUND THAT HEAVY THING
WITH JUST ONE HAND
!?
!!!
AND YOU CAN GET HURT!

AH.
HIIH ...
Peek
!?
AAAH...

WHOA, THAT AIN'T GOOD!!
?
A-, ANIKI!
RIGHT THROUGH THE DUMP-LINGS AND INTO THE MEAT .....
GYAAAA
Shake Shake
THAT'S WORSE THAN KILLING HIM...HIS LIFE IS SPLIT IN HALF
TH-, THAT WENT TOO FAR...
THIS IS CLEARLY AN INCIDENT THAT STARTED WITH MY MEN, SO I'D LIKE TO HANDLE IT PERSONALLY. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU FORGOT THIS EVER HAPPENED.
BOW..
my bad?
EH?
EEEEH!?

TWITCH
TWITCH
WE
WE'RE SAFE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHUT
IT TURNED KIND OF WEIRD BACK THERE, BUT IT'S NICE THAT THE BIG BOSS MAN IS UNDER-STANDING... SEE YA.
HAAAH
UNTOUCHABLE
ATTENTION!
SOPEC
IF THERE IS ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING THIS MAN,
YOUR BRANCH WILL BE DISSOLVED AND POSSIBLY KILLED
FROM HEADQUARTERS

EH?
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR... IT'LL BE GOOD PRACTICE FOR WHEN YOU TAKE OVER MINE.
THAT'S GREAT. YOU GOT OUT SURPRISINGLY FAST.
WHAT'CHA GONNA DO NOW?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALRIGHT WITH A DUMB GUY LIKE ME...?
THAT'S WHY IT HAS TO BE ME.
BLUSH
THEN YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO STAY IN THE DORMS ON THE WEEKENDS ♡
BUT I'M NOT SURE ABOUT LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS... YOU'RE IN HAKODATE FOR SCHOOL AND IT'S 3 HOURS JUST TO GET OVER THERE, YA' KNOW
I'VE DECIDED. I'M GONNA WORK ON THE FAMILY FARM.

WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
.....
!
相世救急総合
SO I THOUGHT, MAYBE, BEFORE I HEAD BACK TO TOKYO, I SHOULD COME AND APOLOGIZE.
WEEEELL, A LITTLE LATER, ALL I KEPT HEARING WAS "THAT WAS HORRIBLE," AND "YOU WENT TOO FAR," AND "THE POOR GUY," STUFF LIKE THAT.
SORRY!
BUT YOU'RE ALL STITCHED UP NICE NOW, RIGHT?
IF YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE, THEN GET OUT.
.....
YEAH, I KNOW, THEN BYE!

TURN
.....
PISSED
KU
KUKU
KU
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. THE ORDERS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE ARE NOT TO LAY A FINGER ON RUKAWA TATSUYA, BUT THEY SAY NOTHING ABOUT "RELATED PERSONS."
THEN COME AND GET ME.
LIFT
UFU♡
GYAAAAAH
UGH.....
THUMP
!!
POP
POP
POP
SWELL

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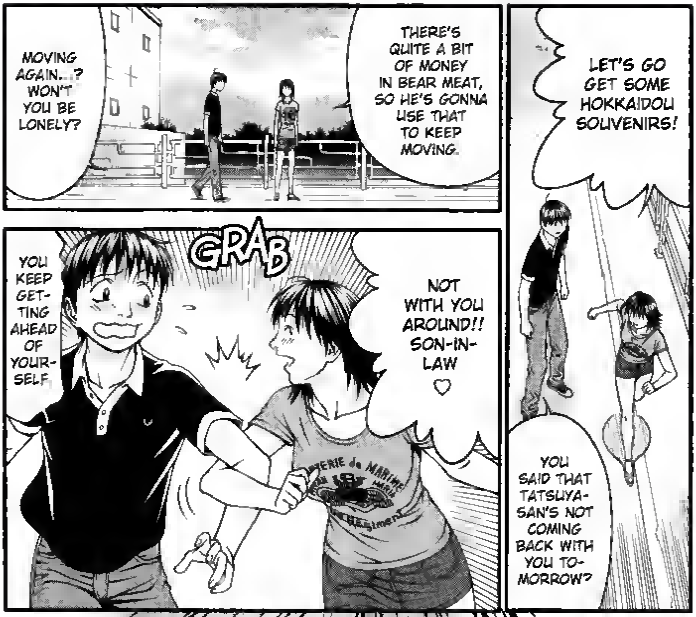
LET'S GO GET SOME HOKKAIDOU SOUVENIRS!
YOU SAID THAT TATSUYA-SAN'S NOT COMING BACK WITH YOU TOMORROW?
THERE'S QUITE A BIT OF MONEY IN BEAR MEAT, SO HE'S GONNA USE THAT TO KEEP MOVING.
MOVING AGAIN...? WON'T YOU BE LONELY?
GRAB
NOT WITH YOU AROUND!! SON-IN-LAW ♡
YOU KEEP GETTING AHEAD OF YOURSELF

SMILE

TRANSLATION NOTES!!!!!!!!!!!!1

HANMI:

Hanmi is one of the basic stances in just about every traditional martial art. It's sometimes referred to as side stance and probably lots of other names that I'm not familiar with. One foot is in front of the other, front foot facing forward. The back foot is aligned facing to the side (the angle of the back foot changes based on your discipline), with the back heal lined up with your front foot. I don't have room for a thousand words, so I'll just show you a picture.

DOSU:

The Dosu is an almost straigh, single egded, sword that is heavily associated with the Yakuza culture (those people that are not aware, Yakuza are the Japanese answer to the Mob families in America). As you can clearly see, I chose awesome pictures.

—Snoopy
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Case41 : Dotted Line

RAW RAMEN FOR THE SHOPKEEPER AND HIS WIFE.
(RAMEN PACKAGES)
THIS WAY, THEY WON'T FIGHT OVER 'EM, NO MATTER HOW MANY THERE ARE.
LOTSA DIFFERENT CANDIES FOR AT-CHAN, KAZU-CHAN, AND THE OTHERS ♡
FOR THE NICE MAN IN THE WESTERN HOUSE WHO KEEPS ALL THOSE ORNAMENTS AROUND, A WOOD CARVING OF A BEAR!
AND FOR THE OLD LADY WHO MAKES YAKISOBA AND HAS BAD TEETH,
CREAM CHEESECAKE ♡

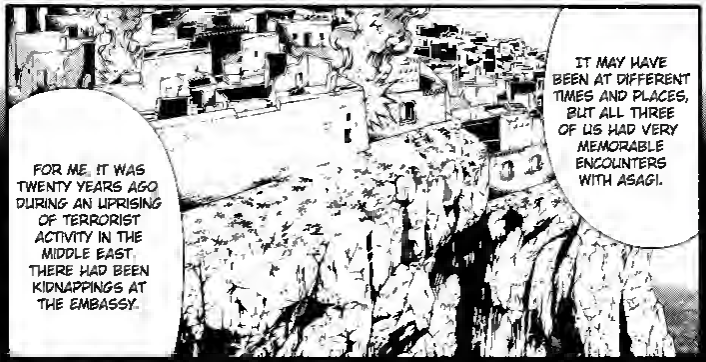
My son is bringing his wife and my grandchild, so I'll be making lots.
I make it with lots of bean, so it's very tasty.
Thank you for the gifts from Okinawa, Motoko-chan
You should come by at Obon and have some Onagi
EHEHE. I WONDER IF GRANNY MADE ENOUGH...
Ehe
"Onagi" ?
ALRIGHTY.
BUSY, BUSY, BUSY DAY, TODAY ♡

Case41 : Dotted Line

THAT'S RIGHT. I PUT THIS UP WHEN I RECEIVED THE NEWS.
THAT'S WHY THE ONLY ONE HERE IS MOTOKO'S MOTHER, ASAGI.
MUCH OBLIGED. SO THIS WOULD BE ASAGI-SAN'S?
THIS TIME, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS HERE KANNAMI-KUN.
SEEMS AS THOUGH MOTOKO-KUN HAS ALREADY PAID HER RESPECTS. THESE FLOWERS ARE NEW.
UNLIKE US, SHE'S VERY FAITHFUL IN HER VISITS.
SO THAT'S TRUE, THEN...I HEARD FROM MOTOKO-KUN THAT BESIDES YOURSELVES, SHE'S NEVER MET ANY OF HER RELATIVES.
WHAT MANNER OF PERSON WAS ASAGI-SAN?

DOES THAT QUESTION HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MOTOKO'S TREATMENT?
I DOUBT IT, AT LEAST NOT DIRECTLY. I'M JUST CURIOUS.
THERE ARE TOO MANY BLANK SPACES IN ASAGI-SAN'S PAST.
BESIDES GIVING BIRTH TO MOTOKO-KUN, I CAN'T DIG UP ANY INFORMATION ON HER, OTHER THAN THAT SHE SEEMED TO BE SOME SORT OF FREELANCE AGENT.
BUT CONSIDERING THAT THE INHERITOR OF THE LEGENDARY TENCHIRYUU JUJUTSU, MASTER KURUMA TAKEZOU,
AND YOURSELF, THE ONE CALLED 'SWORD SAINT' IN HIS YOUTH, CURRENTLY COMMANDING A FOREIGN LEGION, HAYASE JIN,
THE MARTIAL ARTIST WHO TRAVELS TO THE MOST DANGEROUS CORNERS OF THE WORLD, MASTER RUKAWA TATSUYA,

FREELANCE AGENT...? THAT'S NOT TOO FAR OFF THE MARK, ACTUALLY.
FU FU
DO YOU THINK IT PLAUSIBLE THAT THREE SUCH MEN ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A FREELANCE AGENT IN JAPAN PURELY BY CHANCE?


FOR ME, IT WAS TWENTY YEARS AGO DURING AN UPRISING OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPINGS AT THE EMBASSY.
IT MAY HAVE BEEN AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND PLACES, BUT ALL THREE OF US HAD VERY MEMORABLE ENCOUNTERS WITH ASAGI.

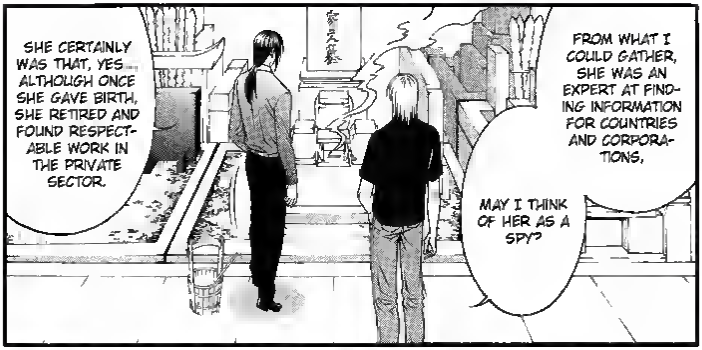
Go!!

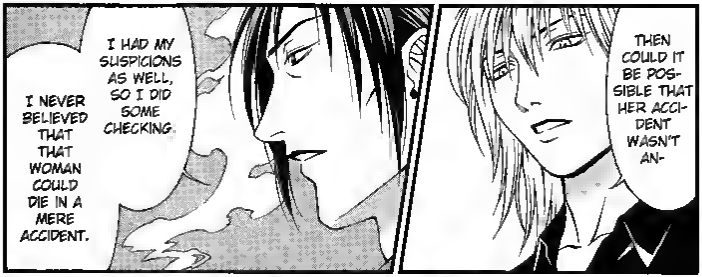
Delta-2, clear!
Delta-3, clear! We have confirmation on four hostages!
Delta-1, clear!
We'll get the hostages to the safe zone.
Jin, Asagi, cover the rear
Roger
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EVERY-THING IS GIVE AND TAKE ♡
CLICK CLICK
ASAGI, HOW DID YOU KNOW THE HOSTAGES WOULD BE IN DELTA-3!?

A COMPLETE LIST OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
LOTS OF COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS
I KNEW IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THIS FAR BY MYSELF.
SO YOU OFFERED HOSTAGE INFORMATION AND JOINED THIS RESCUE TEAM, ALL TO STEAL THAT LIST?
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE OF YOU HERE, HAYASE-SAN.

DIDN'T YOU LEARN IN JAPANESE SCHOOL? A FIELD TRIP'S NOT OVER TILL YOU GET HOME
IF YOU TAKE THIS WITH YOU IT'LL LEAD TO A WHOLE LOT MORE TROUBLE THAN YOUR LITTLE GROUP WANTS
BESIDES, AREN'T WE A LITTLE LOW ON TIME?
KACHA
.....
THE GUARDS WHO WENT TO CHECK ON THAT DECOY EXPLOSION SHOULD BE COMING BACK BY NOW
AND A MISSION IS MUCH THE SAME.

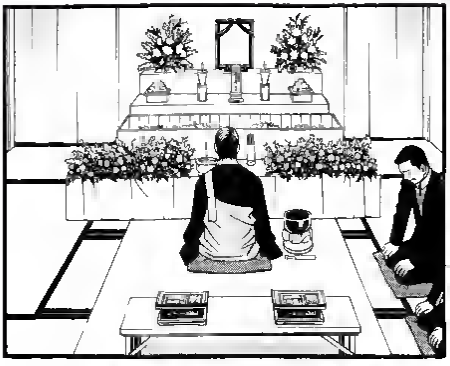
AT TIMES, SHE WAS AN ALLY. AT TIMES, SHE WAS AN ENEMY. FOR ME, TAKEZOU, AND TATSUYA,
BURST OPEN
FLAP
BOOM
THAT WAS WHO ASAGI WAS.
TCH!
TOSS
CLUNK
LEAP
SEE YOU ♡
HOP


SHE CERTAINLY WAS THAT, YES... ALTHOUGH ONCE SHE GAVE BIRTH, SHE RETIRED AND FOUND RESPECTABLE WORK IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
FROM WHAT I COULD GATHER, SHE WAS AN EXPERT AT FINDING INFORMATION FOR COUNTRIES AND CORPORATIONS,
MAY I THINK OF HER AS A SPY?


I NEVER BELIEVED THAT THAT WOMAN COULD DIE IN A MERE ACCIDENT.
I HAD MY SUSPICIONS AS WELL, SO I DID SOME CHECKING.
THEN COULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT HER ACCIDENT WASN'T AN-

I WASN'T ABLE TO FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT HER PAST.
IT SEEMS THAT HER ACCIDENT REALLY WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT.

DING DONG
OPEN
Kosukegawa
HM? MIKIRI-CHAN, WEREN'T YOU GIVING OUT GIFTS TODAY ..?
GOODNESS
?
TUG
... COME WITH ME?
WHAT'S WRONG ?
GRANNY DIED... SHE DIED, DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY.
I DUNNO WHAT TO DO AT A FUNERAL, SO COME WITH ME.
SHIVER..



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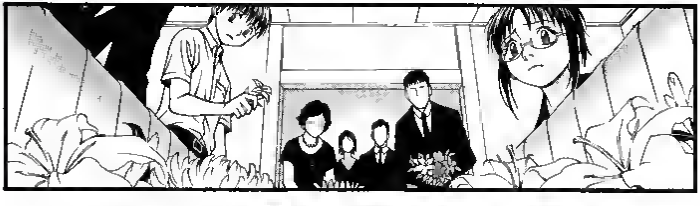
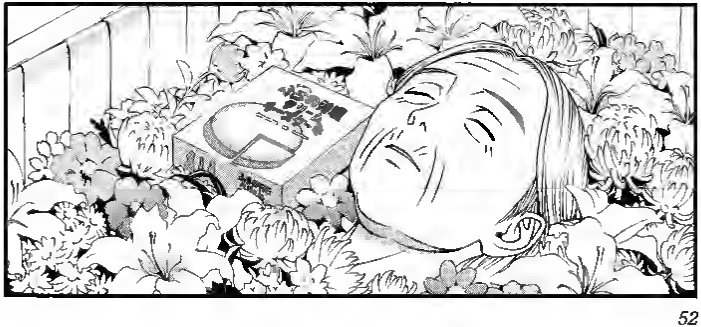
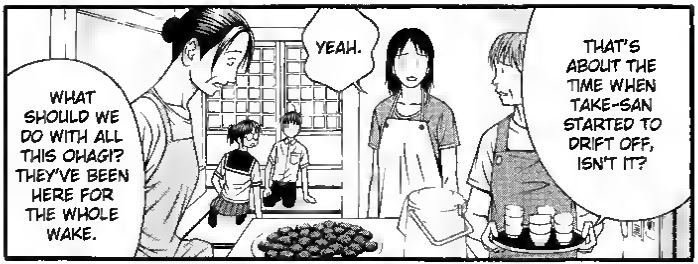
was it three times ?
Uhh



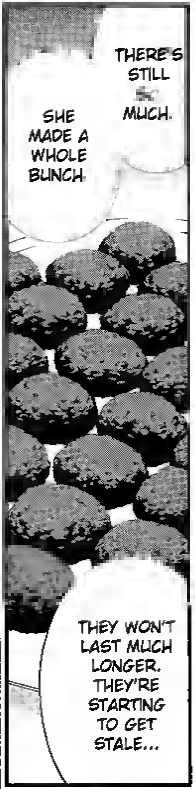


THE STROKE HAPPENED WHILE SHE WAS SLEEPING, SO THEY SAID SHE DIDN'T SUFFER.
.....
SHE'S GONE UP IN THE SMOKE, JUST LIKE MOMMY.
DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR MOM?
KINDA... BUT THOSE'RE MOTOKO-CHAN'S MEMORIES.

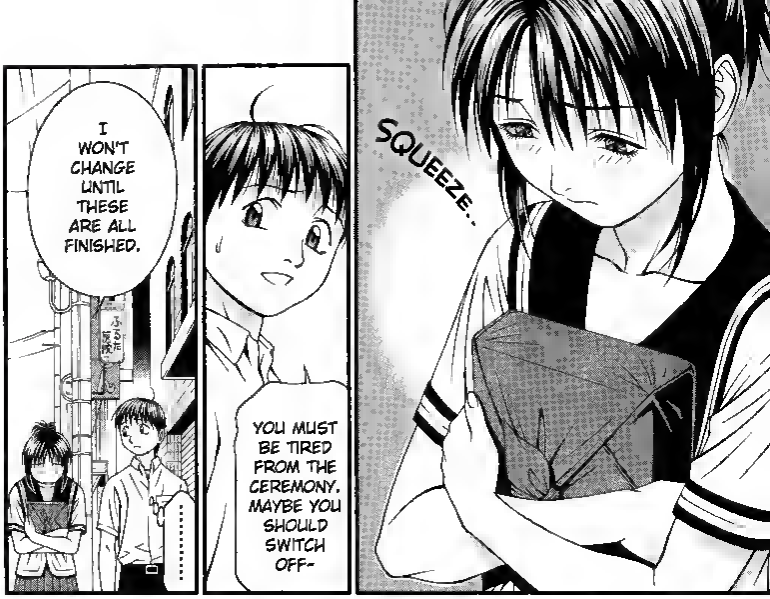
THANK YOU FOR STAYING 'TILL THE END, YOU TWO.
I'M SURE TAKE-SAN WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY.
WELL, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE REMAINS ?
WE DON'T KNOW IF SHE HAS A FAMILY GRAVE, OR ANY RELATIVES, DO WE?
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO ENTRUST HER TO THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD TEMPLE.
YEAH, THE HOUSE WAS RENTED.
WHAT?
SHE SAID SHE HAD A SON WHO WAS MARRIED ...
.....
MOTOKO-CHAN.
TAKE-SAN'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW PASSED AWAY IN A CAR ACCIDENT, ONE YEAR AGO. THE CHILD, AS WELL .....
EH .....!?

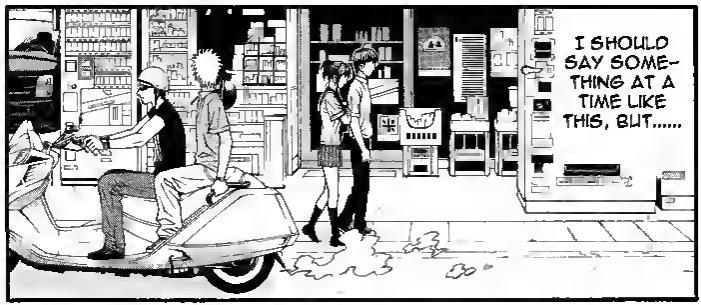

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH ALL THIS OHAGI? THEY'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE WHOLE WAKE.
YEAH.
THAT'S ABOUT THE TIME WHEN TAKE-SAN STARTED TO DRIFT OFF, ISN'T IT?

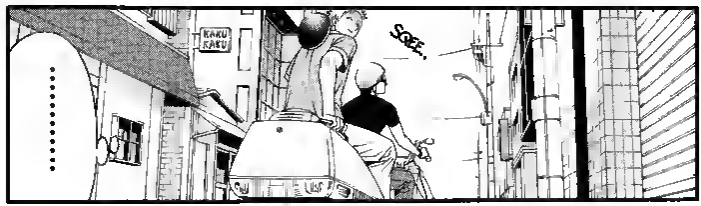
My son is bringing his wife and my grandchild, so I'll be making koko.
I make it with koko at home, so it's very tasty.


THERE'S STILL MUCH.
SHE MADE A WHOLE BUNCH.
THEY WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER. THEY'RE STARTING TO GET STALE...

I'LL TAKE THEM !!


I WON'T CHANGE UNTIL THESE ARE ALL FINISHED.
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THE CEREMONY. MAYBE YOU SHOULD SWITCH OFF-
SQUEEZE..


I SHOULD SAY SOME-THING AT A TIME LIKE THIS, BUT.....


KAKU KAKU
SQEE..

REACH
AH...
UMM ...
IF YOU HOLD IT UP LIKE THAT, THEY'RE GONNA GET SQUISHED.
HI HI HI
GOT A TREASURE ♡
GRAB
AH!?

FEELS PRETTY HEAVY.
He He
MAYBE IT'S GOLD!
HUH!? WHAT?
NO, GIVE THAT BACK !!
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!
WE'RE ON THE HUNTERS' SIDE, OF COURSE ♡
THERE'S ONLY TWO TYPES IN THIS WORLD: THOSE WHO HUNT, AND THOSE WHO GET HUNTED!
THEN WHY THE HELL WOULD WE GIVE IT BACK, HUH?
GRAB
Ouch
THIEF !!

TOSS
GET-TING AWAY!
CLACK
CLACK
スチール缶
YOU'RE NOT
!?
THUD
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

UWAAH!
WAY TO GO! NOW WE GOT 'EM!
DAMN.....
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? OHAGI !?
!?

DON'T HOLD WORTH-LESS SHIT
LIKE IT'S IMPOR-TANT!!
AH……
WHAT A FUCKIN' JOKE!!
SQUISH
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
……

CHING..
TEAR
THE OHAGI ……
!?

LET'S GO! GETTING CAUGHT OVER THIS SHIT WOULD MAKE US A LAUGHING STOCK!
YEAH
M-, MIKIRI!...
!?

GAH...
HUH?

OH NO, ZERO'S OUT IN PUBLIC... WHAT DO I DO!?
AHHH...
THERE'S NO TIME TO CALL FOR HINO-SAN!!
SHAKE
AH.....
Y...
YOU BITCH——!!
TWITCH
TWITCH
HH
HH

GRIP!
GUH AH!
THAT'S ENOUGH! DON'T DO IT!!
!!

GYAA-
AAH!!
UWAH
...
CRACK
AAAAHHH!

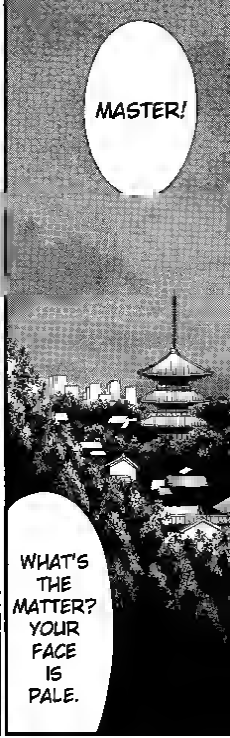
HIIH ...
SHE'S GONNA SLAM HIM HEAD-FIRST !?
STOP! YOU CAN'T KILL HIM!!
!!
WHAT DO I-
HIIIH !!

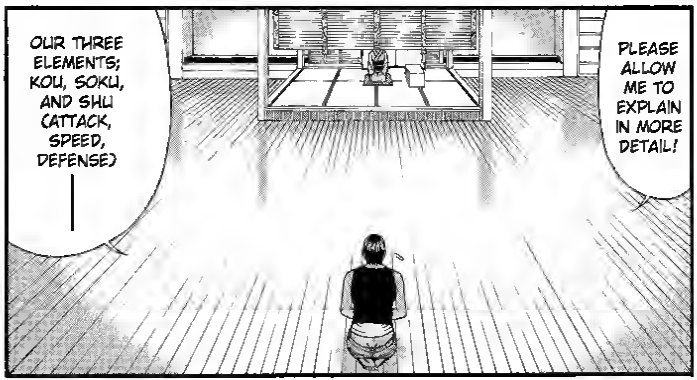
GRANNY'S OHAGI!!
YOU'RE GONNA CRUSH
TOSS
FLOP
WAH
!
GRANNY ...
DROP
DROP

O-, OWWW
SLUMP...
SHE DID IT... MIKIRI-CHAN TOOK CONTROL OF ZERO!
UGH...
TURN
SHOCK
.....
カハッ!!
EAT IT!!
EAT IT ALL!
O...
OKAY!
Yeeh
MUNCH
YOU EAT TOO!!

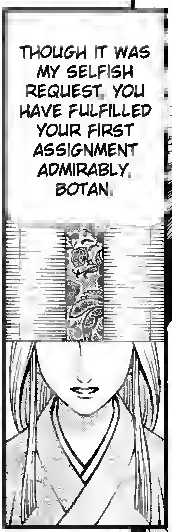
UMPH
KO-SUKE-NIICHAN...
CAN I HAVE SOME, TOO?
... IT TASTES SO GOOD, GRANNY.
CHOMP..
CHEW
CHEW
FUEEEEEH
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SAY THE RIGHT WORDS,
BUT,
I CAN ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU.

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT SUMIRE-SAMA WILL BE GOING TO TOKYO. DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU DO NOT TRUST MY REPORT!?
I AM STILL IN-EXPERIENCED, AND HAVE NOT YET MASTERED A SINGLE COLOR.
I'M CERTAINLY AWARE THAT HEARING ME SPEAK OF 'BLACK' IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, BUT I SWEAR THAT I NEVER LIED ON MY REPORT!

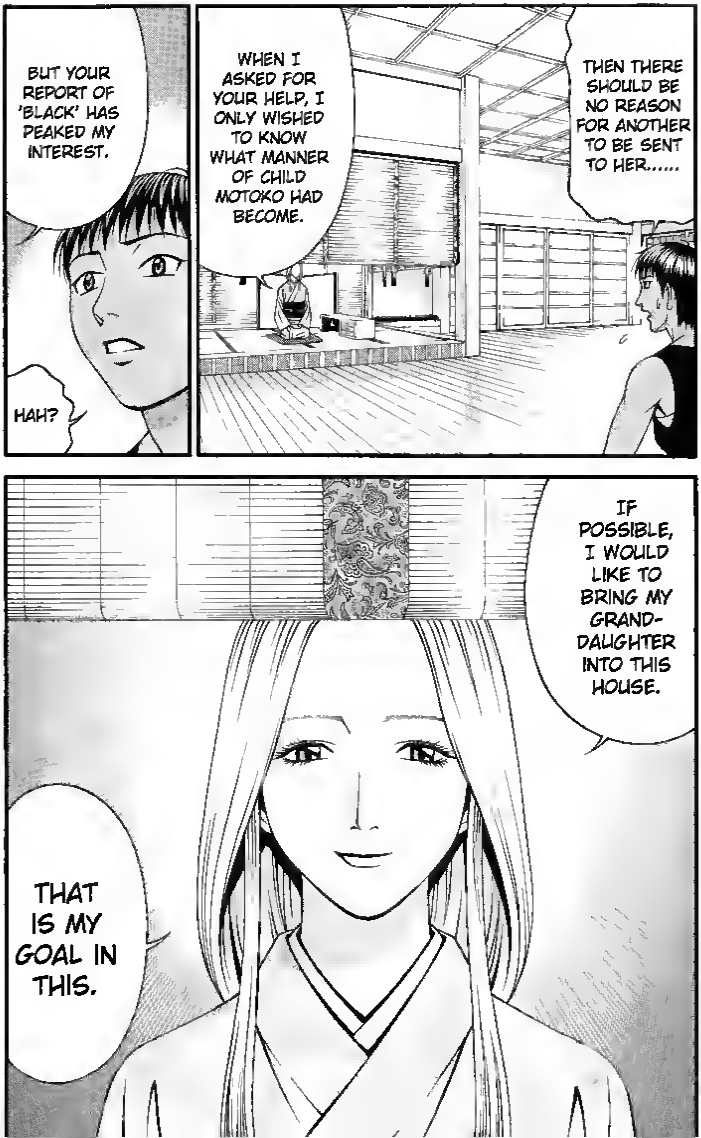

MASTER!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOUR FACE IS PALE.


OUR THREE ELEMENTS; KOU, SOKU, AND SHU (ATTACK, SPEED, DEFENSE)
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL!

'AND 'SHU' IS 'YELLOW' (DEFENSE)
Now who's trying to break into my act with a cheap shot, huh?
'KOU' IS THE POWER OF 'RED' (ATTACK)
'SOKU' IS 'BLUE' (SPEED)


THOUGH IT WAS MY SELFISH REQUEST, YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT ADMIRABLY, BOTAN.

THOUGH HER ABILITIES RELY ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, GETTOU MOTOKO-SAMA IS A MIXED COMPOUND OF ALL THREE COLORS.
SHE HAS ACHIEVED 'BLACK'!


BUT YOUR REPORT OF 'BLACK' HAS PEAKED MY INTEREST.
HAH?
WHEN I ASKED FOR YOUR HELP, I ONLY WISHED TO KNOW WHAT MANNER OF CHILD MOTOKO HAD BECOME.
THEN THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON FOR ANOTHER TO BE SENT TO HER.....
IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING MY GRAND-DAUGHTER INTO THIS HOUSE.
THAT IS MY GOAL IN THIS.

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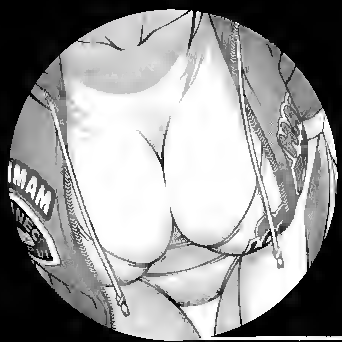

SWORD SAINT:
"KENSEI" IS THE TERM IN JAPANESE THOSE OF YOU WHO READ THE INCREDIBLY BRILLIANT MANGA 'VAGABOND' ABOUT MIYAMOTO MUSASHI HAVE AT LEAST HEARD THE TERM AS THE NAME REFLECTS, YOU COULD THINK OF IT AS SAYING THAT SOMEONE WAS BLESSED IN THE WAY OF THE SWORD. ONLY THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF WARRIOR COULD EVER DREAM OF ACHIEVING THE TITLE.

Mikiri

ナイルじゃ不安

変身♥美少女アクション!

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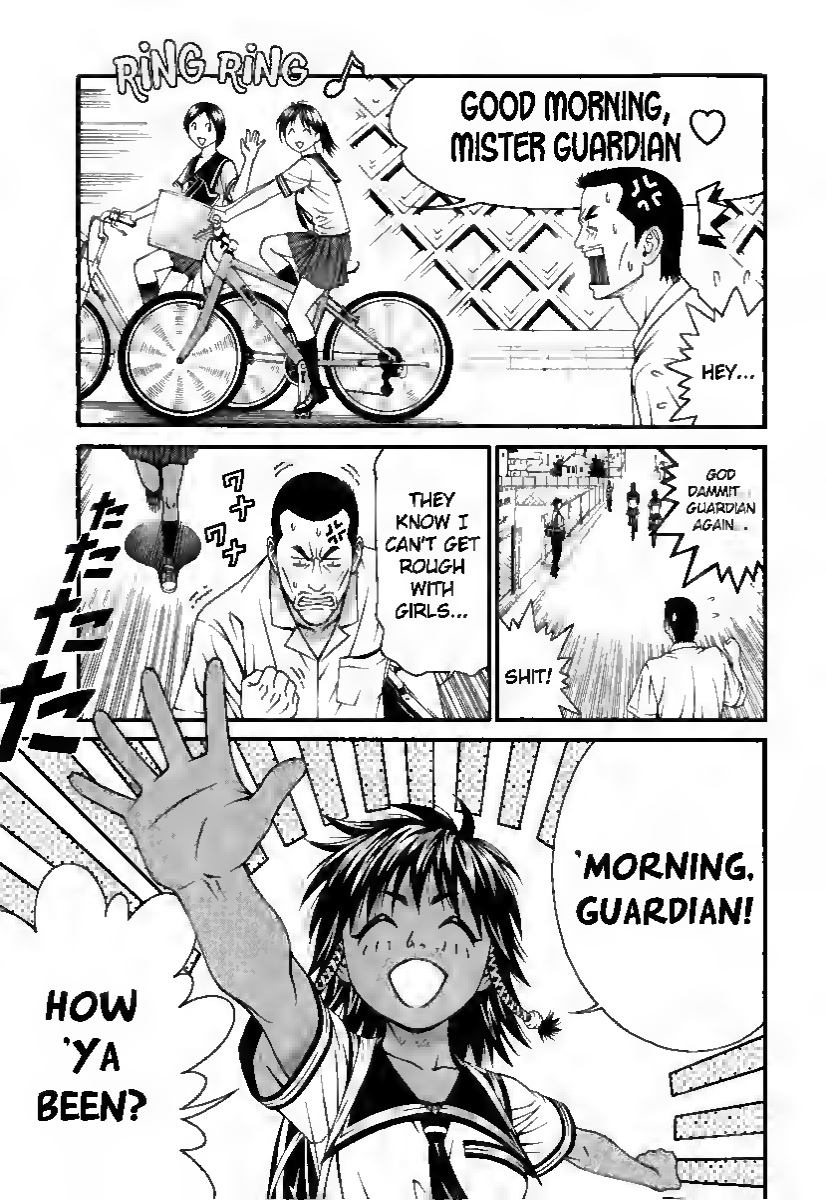
'MORNING
72
あと
7日
'MORNING
HIYA ♡
YOU'RE SO TAN! WHERE'D YOU GO?
HEHE, WE HAD OUTSIDE PRACTICE.
回霜月祭まで
GOOD MORNING! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU GUYS IN A WHILE.

AH
GUARD-IAN
'MORNING, GUARD MAN
AAAH?
AH.. UH, GOOD MORN-ING,
AIZAWA
YO
YOU SAY SOME-THIN'?
THOUGHT THIS CALLING ME "GUARDIAN" SHIT'D STOP BY SUMMER, BUT THERE IT IS AGAIN
SEEMS LIKE THE CHUMPS IN THIS SCHOOL ARE FRIENDLIER THAN THEY USED TO BE.


RING RING
GOOD MORNING, MISTER GUARDIAN
HEY...
GOD DAMMIT GUARDIAN AGAIN..
SHIT!
THEY KNOW I CAN'T GET ROUGH WITH GIRLS...
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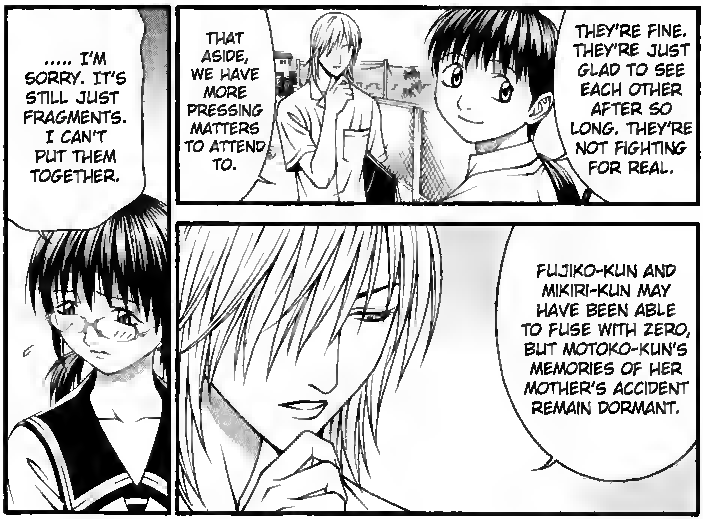
たたたた
'MORNING, GUARDIAN!
HOW 'YA BEEN?

EXCEPT FOR YOU!!
OWWW, WHAT THE HELL!?
GYAH!?
IT'S 'CAUSE YOU KEEP SAYING "GUARD-IAN, GUARD-IAN"!
THAT'S WHY EVERY-ONE'S CALLIN' ME THAT!

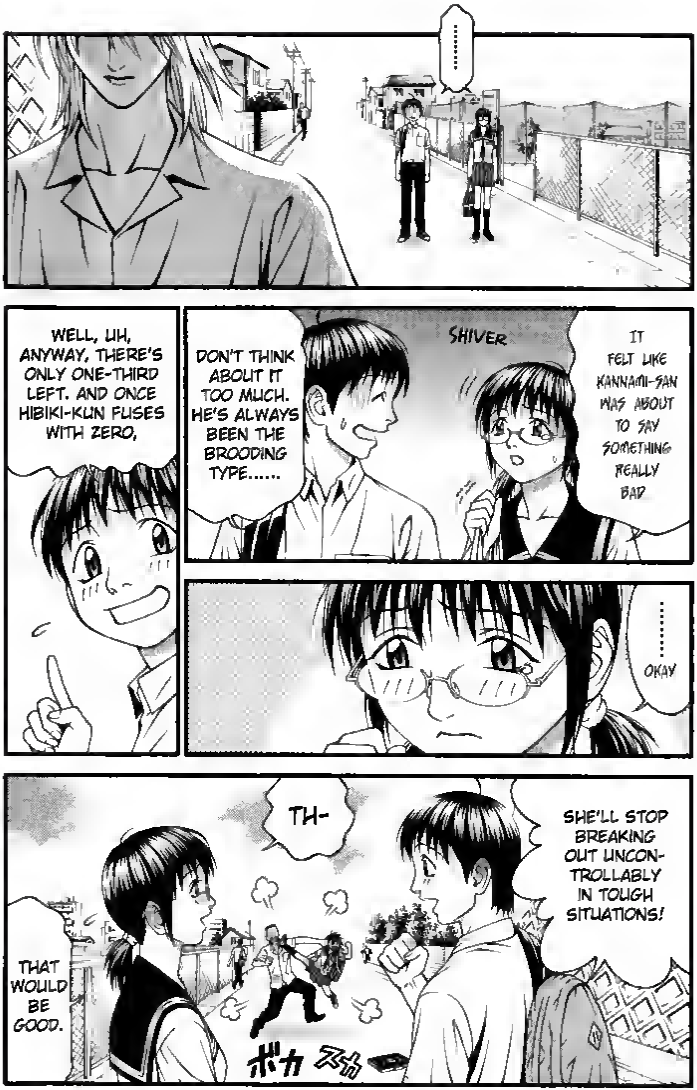
IF THE STRONGEST ONE IN SCHOOL IS THE GUARDIAN, THEN HE SHOULD BE KNOWN BY HIS TITLE, JUST LIKE THE GADAM!
IT'S RESPECT FOR SOMEONE THAT PROTECTS THE SCHOOL ...
LIKE I'D DO THAT!
PU
I DON'T GIVE A FLIP ABOUT THIS SCHOOL.

WHAT WAS THAT ?
THIS MAKES YOU NUMBER ONE
IZURU ENTRUSTED YOU WITH THE HIGHEST RANK IN THE SCHOOL!!
ANYWAY, NEVER CALL ME GUARDIAN AG-
HOLD IT
SWAP
SWIPE
THAT WEIRD GIRL WAS JUST TALKING NONSENSE FROM THE START
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO
UGH...
SHY ABOUT IT ♡
KUHAA...
SH-

UMMM... THOSE TWO ARE AT IT AGAIN. SHOULDN'T WE STOP THEM?
SHYNESS ISN'T THE PROBLEM! THE GUARDIAN CULTURE DIED OUT DECADES AGO!
I'M NOT A WARRIOR!
BEING A TRUE WARRIOR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FASHION!


..... I'M SORRY. IT'S STILL JUST FRAGMENTS. I CAN'T PUT THEM TOGETHER.
THAT ASIDE, WE HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.
THEY'RE FINE. THEY'RE JUST GLAD TO SEE EACH OTHER AFTER SO LONG. THEY'RE NOT FIGHTING FOR REAL.
FUJIKO-KUN AND MIKIRI-KUN MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FUSE WITH ZERO, BUT MOTOKO-KUN'S MEMORIES OF HER MOTHER'S ACCIDENT REMAIN DORMANT.

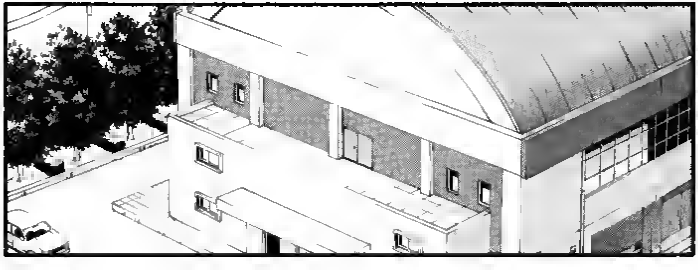
ALONG WITH ZERO'S FEELINGS OF HATRED, YOU'VE ALSO BLOCKED THE MEMORIES OF YOUR MOTHER'S ACCIDENT.
NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE. IT IS NOT A THING YOU CAN FORCE.
BUT THAT COULD LEAD TO...
.....
THE SHOCK OF RETRIEVING THAT MEMORY WOULD BE INTENSE.
DING DONG
THERE'S FIRST BELL. LET'S GO.
T-, TELL US, KAN-NAMI ...
WHAT?
NO, IT'S NO-THING
SO I WAS HOPING TO RETRIEVE IT PIECE BY PIECE WHEN HIFUMI MERGED WITH ZERO.


.....
WELL, UH, ANYWAY, THERE'S ONLY ONE-THIRD LEFT. AND ONCE HIBIKI-KUN FUSES WITH ZERO,
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE BROODING TYPE.....
SHIVER
IT FELT LIKE KANNAMI-SAN WAS ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING REALLY BAD
.....
OKAY
TH-
SHE'LL STOP BREAKING OUT UNCONTROLLABLY IN TOUGH SITUATIONS!
THAT WOULD BE GOOD.
ボカ

I HAVE TO WEAR IT AGAIN THIS YEAR?
WHAT!?
R.....
BLUSH
RIGHT
NO MATTER HOW MANY PAINFUL MEMORIES COME BACK, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE A WHOLE BUNCH OF FUN ONES TO BALANCE THEM OUT!
LIKE STARRING IN THE SUBCULTURE CLUB'S MOEKO MOVIE FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL AGAIN.
AH
WHOA, FIRST BELL'S OVER. WE SHOULD HURRY ♡
GINGA, HOW LONG ARE YOU TWO GONNA PLAY AROUND?

CLINK
DAMN YOU!
HOP
THAT SMALL ONE,
SHE HAS GOOD SPRING AND POSTURE,
We weren't playing...
Come on!
THAT'S ALL THE STUDENTS, THEN .....
CLINK...
BUT SHE WASTES TOO MUCH ENERGY IN HER MOVEMENTS
SHE'S NOT YET REACHED THE POINT OF MIXED PROFICIENCY.

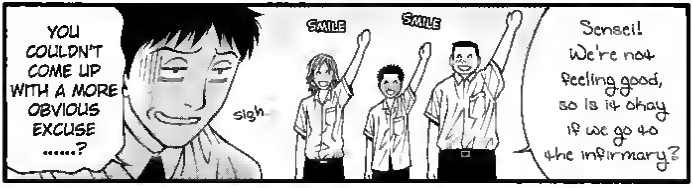
SO IT MUST BE THE OTHER GIRL.
CLANK

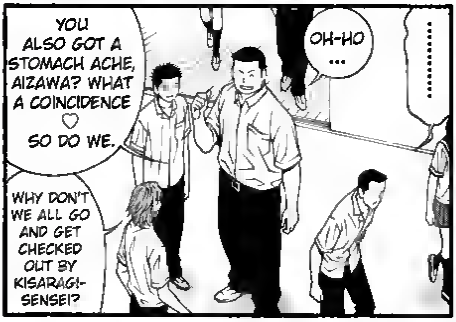


STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE FOR MURATA-SENSEI, WHO'S ON MATERNITY LEAVE.
SHE'LL BE AN ATTENDANT AT THE INFIRMARY UNTIL MARCH, KISARAGI-SENSEI.
WHAT'S AN INFIRMARY ATTENDANT?
THE SCHOOL NURSE.
!
THUMP
WAO
OOOH
HOW DO YOU DO?
TAP

I AM KISA-RAGI SUMIRE.
HALF A YEAR IS A SHORT TIME,
SMILE
BUT I HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE THE BEST OF IT.
THUMP!
she looked over here
?
FIRST TIME'S
GOTTABE
WOMAN
Adult women rock
Oh yeah...

YOU TOO, SAITOU? MY STOMACH'S ACTUALLY BEEN HURTING A WHILE NOW.
COME TO THINK OF IT, THIS MORNING, MINE STARTED FEELING WEIRD..
UGH...
MY STOMACH STARTED HURTING
KISARAGI-SENSEI CERTAINLY HAS IT, HUH ♡
YEAH. THAT COOL, SEXY ATTITUDE IS SO HOT.


YOU COULDN'T COME UP WITH A MORE OBVIOUS EXCUSE .....?
sigh
SMILE
SMILE
Sensei! We're not feeling good, so is it okay if we go to the infirmary?


YOU ALSO GOT A STOMACH ACHE, AIZAWA? WHAT A COINCIDENCE ♡ SO DO WE.
WHY DON'T WE ALL GO AND GET CHECKED OUT BY KISARAGI-SENSEI?
OH-HO ...
.....

STUMBLE
THRUB
TCH...

DAMN... THAT ONE SHOT THAT GINGA GOT ON ME THIS MORNING...
IT'S NOT A STO-MACH ACHE!

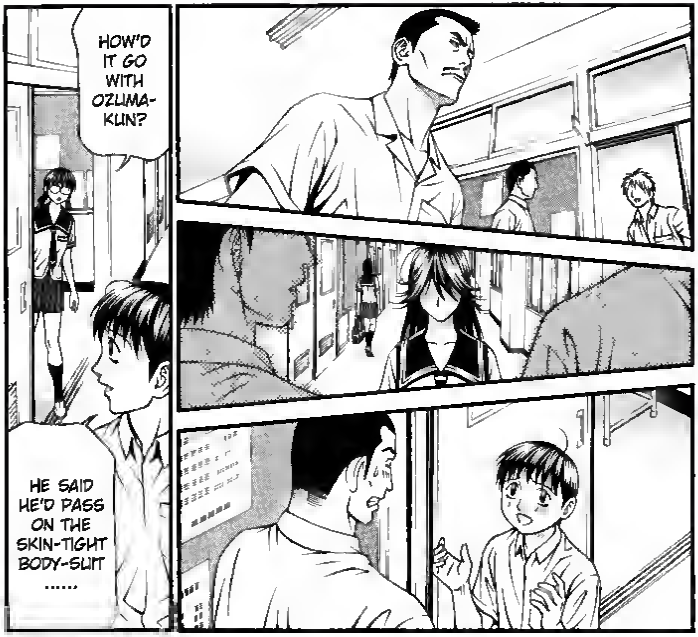
HAH HMMM. LOOKS LIKE MY PUNCH IS STILL HURTING, HUH. YOU KNOW, I DID JUST COME BACK FROM TRAINING WITH A KARATE MASTER IN HOKKAIDO.
SMIRK
T... TRAIN-ING?
KEH. DOESN'T MATTER, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WERE FIGHTING WITH BEARS OR ANY-THING...
I JUST SLIPPED, IS ALL!!
ばっ
OH, 'ZAT SO? WELL, YOU KEEP AT IT.
WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE MY L'IL PLAYMATE, AFTER ALL.
See ya
DAMN IT
HER PUNCHES DID FEEL A LITTLE HEAVIER THAN BEFORE KARATE?
I WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO DEAL WITH HER WITH MY REACH AND SIZE, BUT IF SHE KEEPS THIS UP...
GRIND.
A-i-ra-wa-kuuuun, let's go to the infirmaryyyy ♪
SHUT YER TRAPS!
Kyaah, we made the Guardian mad ♡

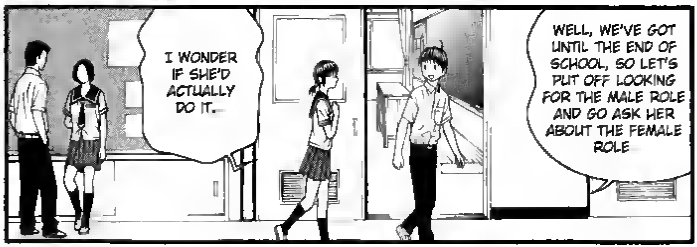
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, MY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS! WE'VE RECEIVED NEWS OVER THE SPRING VACATION.
Culture Council Association
Manga Club
Anime Club
Game Club
Sci-fi Club
NOW THE SCI-FI CLUB IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE TRUTH IS,
THE PRODUCTION FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL MOVIE, MOEKO 2, HAS BEEN SUSPENDED!
AS THE NEW PRESIDENT, I CAN BARELY SHOW MY FACE TO ALL YOU MEMBERS.
EEEH!!
BUT WHY!?
BUT WE HAD SO MANY WHO CAME TO WATCH...!
I'M NOT REALLY A CLUB MEMBER
RIGHT. THAT WAS THE PROBLEM SINCE SO MANY PEOPLE CAME TO WATCH,
THE PTA AND SCHOOL BOARD GOT LOTS OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE MOVIE.

AND NO MORE EXPOSED BUTT CHEEKS...
PARTIC-ULARLY THE CLEAV-AGE!
THIS TIME WE ARE PROHIBITED FROM EXTREME EXPOSURE!
NO WAY! ...
IF WE EVEN SHOW A HINT OF BELLY-BUTTON, WE'LL BE ON-NOTICE!
SHOCK
BUT WE ONLY ENTERED THIS CLUB TO MAKE THE NEXT MOEKO MOVIE
OR THE CANCEL-LATION OF CHAMPION RED.
IWASAWA SHIURU TURNING IN A MANU-SCRIPT ON TIME!
KAMEN RAIDER WITHOUT TRANS FORMA-TIONS!
A ROBOT ANIME WITHOUT ROBOTS!
GYA
GYA
BUT THAT'S LIKE ...
IT'S LIKE AN HONEST FIGURINE DEALER!!
SOME OF THOSE SOUND GOOD, ACTUALLY
LIKE FISHING WITHOUT HIP WADERS!
OH THANK GOD

WHY IS IT THAT WOMEN WHO FIGHT IN SCI-FI AND FANTASY STORIES ARE ALWAYS HALF-CLOTHED?
QUIVER
EXCUSE ME.. IT'S ALWAYS SEEMED KINDA ODD TO ME.....
THE ANSWER IS TOO SIMPLE.
STOOP...
GULP
THAT'S WHY WE'RE ALWAYS HALF-CLOTHED! (OR NAKED)
Ooh, it's so hot!
IN THOSE WORLDS, THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES ARE A LOT HIGHER.
Oh, so that's it
POM
SHE BE-LIEVED IT
GOOD JOB, MR PRESIDENT THE CON-SUMMATE OTAKU
IT IS AN UNSPEAKABLE TABOO.
W-, WELL YOU SEE, GETTOU-KUN ...
THOSE STORIES DON'T HAPPEN IN THE SAME WORLD WE LIVE IN

WITH THE ONE GUY AND TWO GIRLS!
WELL, AS FOR WHAT WE'LL BE DOING THIS YEAR, WE'RE GOING FOR A SUPERHERO STORY
YOUTH SQUAD GAKU RANGERS
IMAGE BOARD
OHH, I GET IT. MAKING FULL BODY SUITS WON'T TAKE AS MUCH EFFORT.
IN THIS KIND OF SHOW, THE BODY'S LINES'LL REALLY STAND OUT, SO SHRIMP, WIMP, AND JUMBO TYPES ARE OUT.
True indeed
Such a shame...
EVEN IF ANY OF US TRIED, WE CAN'T DO MUCH OF ANY-THING PHYSICAL BESIDES SOME SWEET POSES.
But I was gonna be Mortal-Senpai's
C'mon, Star...
I'm not in it again this year
FUH!
WE HAVE GETTOU-KUN FOR ONE OF THE GIRL ROLES, BUT WE STILL DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE.
SO I STILL HAVE TO DO IT...
AND TO TOP IT OFF, WE'VE GOT NO TIME. WE NEED TO SCOUT ONE GUY AND ONE GIRL BEFORE SCHOOL ENDS! DISMISSED!!
ROGER !!

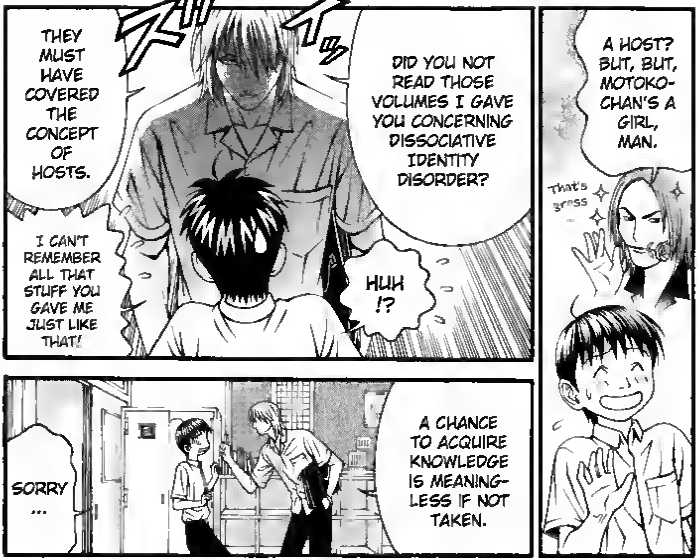

HOW'D IT GO WITH OZUMA-KUN?
HE SAID HE'D PASS ON THE SKIN-TIGHT BODY-SUIT .....


I WONDER IF SHE'D ACTUALLY DO IT...
WELL, WE'VE GOT UNTIL THE END OF SCHOOL, SO LET'S PUT OFF LOOKING FOR THE MALE ROLE AND GO ASK HER ABOUT THE FEMALE ROLE

HINO-SAN?
2—A

SHE'S QUITE THE POPULAR ITEM, I SEE. YOU'RE THE THIRD GROUP THAT'S ASKED FOR HER.
THIRD? WAS IT SOMEONE FROM THE CLUB...?
THE FIRST ONE I'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE. SHE MENTIONED THAT SHE WANTED TO TALK, JUST THE TWO OF THEM, AND SO THEY WENT TO THE ROOF.
THEN I GUESS WE'RE GOING UP TO THE ROOF?
AH... SORRY, BUT GO ON AHEAD, I GOTTA USE THE BATHROOM.
OKAY.
.....
.....

IS THIS ABOUT THIS MORNING?
TH-, THAT'S RIGHT.
OF COURSE SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD GET ME WORRIED!
I SHOULD APOLOGIZE, THEN.
I HAD JUST THOUGHT OF A REASON WHY ZERO'S FUSION DIDN'T CAUSE MOTOKO-KUN TO REGAIN HER MEMORIES.
I COULDN'T SAY IT IN FRONT OF HER.
SO, SO WHAT'S THE REASON?
thump thump
KEEP IN MIND, THIS IS ONLY ONE POSSIBILITY ...
MOTOKO-KUN MAY HERSELF BE A "HOST."


THEY MUST HAVE COVERED THE CONCEPT OF HOSTS.
I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL THAT STUFF YOU GAVE ME JUST LIKE THAT!
DID YOU NOT READ THOSE VOLUMES I GAVE YOU CONCERNING DISSOCIATIVE IDENTITY DISORDER?
HUH !?
A HOST? BUT, BUT, MOTOKO-CHAN'S A GIRL, MAN.
That's gross
SORRY ...
A CHANCE TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE IS MEANING-LESS IF NOT TAKEN.

I SHOULD GO AND SEE HOW STRONG SHE REALLY IS,
ANY-WAY,
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE ALL THAT BULL ABOUT HER BEING THE STRONGEST IN THIS SCHOOL,
'CUZ I WON'T BOW MY HEAD TO NO CHICK!
BUT GINGA'S ABOUT TO PUT ME TO SHAME.

AND,
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
I CAN ANALYZE PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR NATURAL MOVE-MENTS.
PULL PULL
HUH?
HUAH
IF THERE WAS A FOOD THAT COULD THEORETICALLY EXIST, BUT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE,
WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE IT? AND EAT IT?

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE STRONGER OR WEAKER THAN ME
BUT I KNOW THAT UNDER THAT MASK OF YOURS, YOU ARE EXCEEDINGLY STRONG
TOO STRONG FOR ME TO PROPERLY ASSESS ...
GLINT
WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO SEE IT?
ESPE-CIALLY IF THAT STRENGTH
WAS ACTUALLY THE IMPOS-SIBLE STRENGTH ...
AGGRESSION?

ESPECIALLY IF SHE POSSESSED 'BLACK'!
RIP

NOT QUITE ♡
PULL
PLEASE STOP THIS!
WE'LL HAVE A PRIVATE SESSION
AND YOU'LL SHOW ME YOUR STRENGTH!
JINGLE
CRACK
AFTER ALL, I DID GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF BUYING THIS UNIFORM.
AH…

CAREFUL NOW.
THESE ARE A BIT HEAVIER THAN NORMAL KEYS, AND EXTREMELY SHARP♡
SINCE YOU CAN'T SEW UP CROWDED LACERATIONS, IT WILL TAKE A WHILE TO HEAL. BUT REALLY,
IF YOU DON'T TREAT AN OPPONENT WITH A WEAPON SERIOUSLY,
YOU'LL DIE.

Fight with me
Please
.....
?
SWING
SWING
SO YOU'RE ANOTHER PERSON WHO DOESN'T MIND PAIN, THEN
YOU'RE BEING A TRIFLE PUSHY, BUT I'LL SPAR WITH YOU!
I NEED TO GET INSIDE THE RANGE OF HER KEYCHAIN, AND THEN I'LL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE!!

THAT IS OBVIOUSLY YOUR STRATEGY
RUSHING IN PAST THE KEYS, GETTING TO ME BEFORE I CAN PULL THEM IN FOR THE SECOND ATTACK
RIP
BUT.....
THAT'S WHY I CAME UP WITH THIS
TUG
TWIRL

AH!
I'VE GOT TO DODGE THIS
AND GET BACK IN RANGE !!
JUMP

!?
KUAAH

...FU FU FU
"ATTACK" AND "SPEED"
?
IT'S A BRILLIANT MIXTURE, BUT IT'S ONLY TWO COLORS.
YOU'RE NOT 'BLACK'
'BLACK' ...?
.....

AI-ZAWA ... KUN?
N-, NO.
THE GIRLS ARE FIGHT-ING?
GULP
THIS IS NO NORMAL FIGHT...
A DEATH MATCH?
!

LIBRARY
PAGE SIXTY-THREE OF THAT BOOK.
UH, OKAY.
LET'S SEE, GLOSSARY OF TERMS.
UHHH, 'HOST' IS...
人格内の種別
「本体」…生まれ持ったオリジ
HERE.
HOST
A HOST CAN BE THE PERSONALITY THAT MANAGES EVERYDAY LIFE, WITH A FIRM BELIEF THAT HE/SHE IS THE TRUE IDENTITY, WHEN IN FACT HE/SHE IS MERELY ANOTHER SPLIT PERSONALITY.
……TH-

THAT CAN'T BE!
MOTOKO-CHAN CAN'T JUST BE ANOTHER PERSONALITY ...
IT IS PROBABLE THAT THAT ENTITY CARRIES THE MEMORIES OF WHEN SHE WAS FIVE, THE TIME OF HER MOTHER'S ACCIDENT.
IN THE CASE THAT SHE IS THE HOST, THAT MAY MEAN THAT ZERO IS THE REAL MOTOKO-KUN.
.....!

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Case43 : Vanishing Point

SEVERAL WEEKS EARLIER
Your face has grown weak since I last saw you, Botan.
Gon...?

You mean you've already attained blue!?
A mixture!?
Once I qualify for yellow, it's only a matter of time before I'm ranked Green.
A little early to be speaking to me so informally.

I wasn't playing! It was work!!
That's right. While you were off playing in Tokyo, I've been spending the last ten months training.

CHING..
Giving a job out to a barely qualified red-type like yourself? Don't you know better?
Did you have a good time at Gaotome High!?
How hard do you think it is to find the name Tsukishima Botan in the Tokyo school lists?
CLINK
Silly girl, forget the details.
We agreed to keep it between only the mistress and the one accepting the job!!
How do you know that!? I only said that I was going to Tokyo!
.....
Oh, that's right.

Oh, it's probably only because the mistress was utterly dissatisfied with your results
FU FUH
What?
Why !?
It seems that in September, Sumire-sama will be going to Tokyo to Saotome High, in fact.
It was my first job.
I wanted to take it slow. I...
SWAY
No...
I feel so sorry for Sumire-sama cleaning up after a bad student.
she really is 'Black' !!
Even if no one believes me.

I'll ask her directly !!
I'm going to see the mistress!
!?
SOME KNOW NOTHING GIRL AT THAT SCHOOL ATTAINED 'BLACK'!?
.....
THAT CAN'T BE...
"ATTACK," "SPEED," "DEFENSE," EACH FORM REQUIRES A DIFFERENT MUSCULAR BALANCE.
ONE MUST BE AT A RIDICULOUSLY HIGH LEVEL TO MAINTAIN TWO COLORS, LET ALONE ALL THREE! TO BE BLACK IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE!!

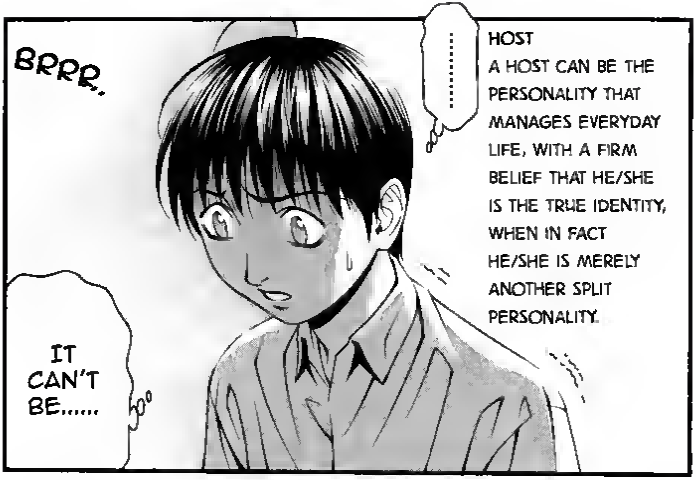
WHIP
RIP
'SPEED' REVEALS ITSELF IN THE INCREDIBLE REACTION TIME REQUIRED FOR THAT JUMP.

THIS IS THE POWER OF BLUE, SPEED.
HER QUICK-NESS IS EXTRA-ORDINARY,
BUT IT'S NOTHING A BLUE-TYPE LIKE ME CAN'T KEEP UP WITH..
GRAB
STEP
NO !!
SHE BAITED ME IN!?

SPIN
KUH!
SHE STOPPED ME AND THREW ME IN ONE MOTION, A BODY-WIDE DEFENSE
THE POWER OF YELLOW, DEFENSE.
AND IT ALL LEADS TO HER PHYSICAL ATTACK
TWIST
AH !?
OTOU
THE POWER OF RED, OFFENSE.
WRO

YANK
キッ
WHIP
WHIP
AN IMPRESSIVE COMBINATION OF THE THREE FUNDAMENTAL POWERS,
HAAH
JINGLE
HAAH
BUT THIS GIRL ISN'T...

W-WHO DO YOU THINK THAT GIRL IS!? WHY'S SHE FIGHTING WITH HINO-SAN!?
WHATTAYA ASKIN' ME FOR?
I JUST CAME TO TRY TO FIND HINO-SENPAI...
.....
WELL, WE HAVE TO STOP THEM!
HEY, WE CAN'T JUST JUMP IN DURING A MATCH, CAN WE?
HINO-SAN HATES FIGHTING!!
WHAT !?
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S THAT STRONG?
OPEN


BRRR..
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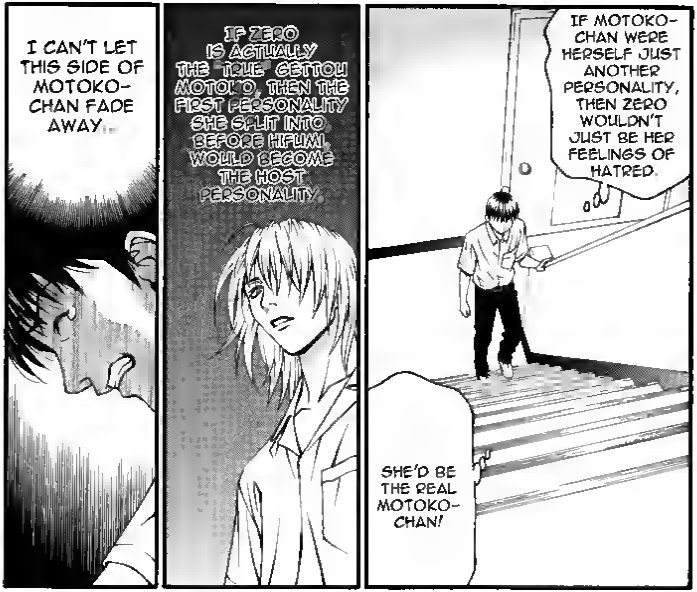
IT CAN'T BE.....


I CAN'T LET THIS SIDE OF MOTOKO-CHAN FADE AWAY...
IF ZERO IS ACTUALLY THE TRUE GETTOU MOTOKO, THEN THE FIRST PERSONALITY SHE SPLIT INTO BEFORE HIFUMI WOULD BECOME THE HOST PERSONALITY.
IF MOTOKO-CHAN WERE HERSELF JUST ANOTHER PERSONALITY, THEN ZERO WOULDN'T JUST BE HER FEELINGS OF HATRED.
SHE'D BE THE REAL MOTOKO-CHAN!

DASH!!
THIS IS MY CHANCE
HINO-SAN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
WAH ...
SHE'S COMIN' STRAIGHT FOR US!?
!!
GETTOU-SAN, GET AWAY!

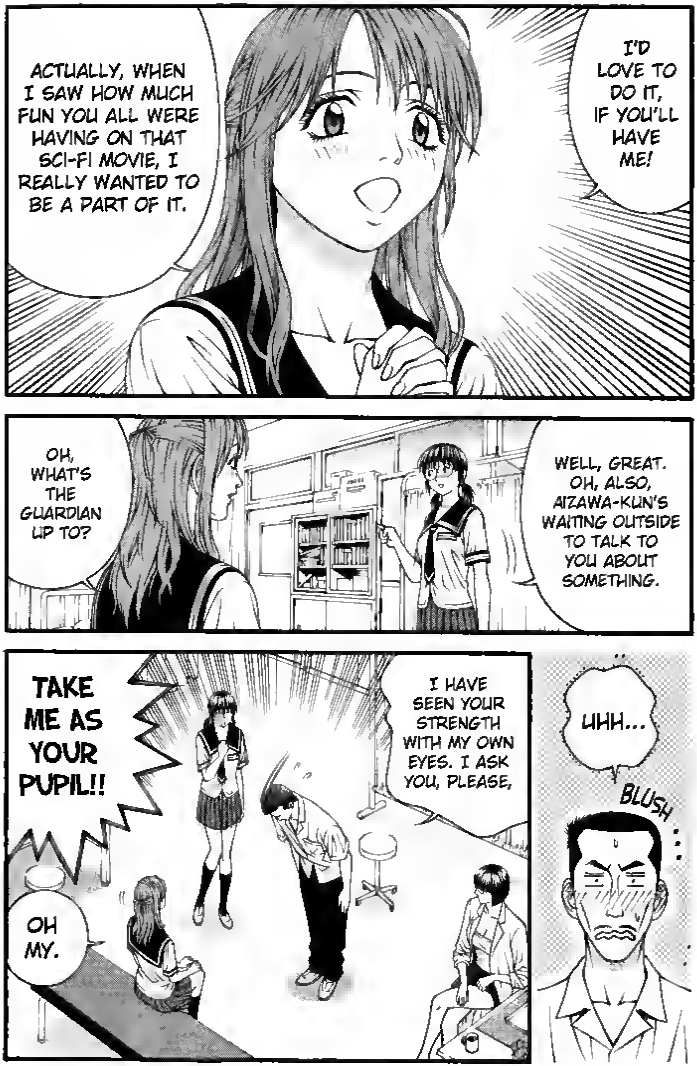
GET TOU
!?
HIIIH!!
!!
WHOA, YO, ARE YOU ALR-
THUD
AHHH!
SILENCE..

TUNK
TUNK
AH...
HINO-SAN, WHAT HAPPENED ...AH,
YOUR LEG, IT'S BLEEDING, ISN'T IT!?
I'LL BE FINE. I'VE GOTTEN WORSE FANG WOUNDS FROM ANIMALS.
B-BIG TROUBLE, HERE! KOSUKEGAA, HE... I MEAN,
KOSU-KEGAWA-SENPAI!!
HUH?
BUT YOU REALLY SHOULD GO TO THE INFIRMARY TO GET YOUR CUTS CLEANED
THAT'S TRUE.

NO, THIS ISN'T...
ZERO?
WHO ARE YOU?
MOTO—
HEY, MOTOKO-CHAAAN ♡
MOTOKO-CHAN ♡
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANT.

INFIRMARY
AND, YOU'RE DONE.
THE TAPING WON'T HOLD UP TO MUCH WEAR AND TEAR, SO YOU'LL NEED TO CHANGE THE GAUZE AGAIN LATER.
OKAY.
I JUST CAN'T GET OVER HOW UNUSUAL A CUT THAT IS.
ER, YEAH, I WAS SWINGING MY KEYS AROUND AND I GOT HIT.
A NORMAL SET OF KEYS COULDN'T CUT THIS DEEP
I SEE ...
I WONDER WHAT SORA'S SNIFFING FOR OUT HERE.
Chloe

UMMM, DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE OKAY, TOO?
HELLO
NAME
DOCTOR GETTOU-SAN
HIS PROFUSE BLEEDING IS ONLY BECAUSE HE HIT A BUNDLE OF VESSELS IN HIS FOREHEAD. THE WOUND IS MINOR.
BUT, BUT, HE DOESN'T SEEM QUITE RIGHT ...
We drank together
You're my friend.
The club
snow
Swing
was
Swing pedal
pretty
Haroo, how are you? I'm fine, as well
BUU
BUU
OH, HE'S FINE. HE'S JUST GETTING OVER SOME SHOCK FROM THE IMPACT.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! THE SUBCULTURE RESEARCH SOCIETY IS FILMING AN ACTION-HERO-MOVIE FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, BUT THEY'RE MISSING ONE GUY AND TWO GIRLS FOR THE LEADING ROLES, SO WE THOUGHT ABOUT ASKING YOU.
BUT IT'S PRETTY WEIRD, SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO...
BY THE WAY, WHAT WERE YOU DOING UP ON THE ROOF, GETTOU-SAN?
He seemed happy then.
Well, he's been off in his own world before.
UH, OKAY.


I'D LOVE TO DO IT, IF YOU'LL HAVE ME!
ACTUALLY, WHEN I SAW HOW MUCH FUN YOU ALL WERE HAVING ON THAT SCI-FI MOVIE, I REALLY WANTED TO BE A PART OF IT.
WELL, GREAT. OH, ALSO, AIZAWA-KUN'S WAITING OUTSIDE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING.
OH, WHAT'S THE GUARDIAN UP TO?
I HAVE SEEN YOUR STRENGTH WITH MY OWN EYES. I ASK YOU, PLEASE,
TAKE ME AS YOUR PUPIL!!
OH MY.
UHH...
BLUSH

AHHH, I GET IT♡
AS GINGA'S CLOSE FRIEND, YOU WANT TO KEEP UP WITH HER!
DING!
AFTER THAT, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN...
REALLY, I CAN'T TEACH YOU ANY MORE THAN THE BASICS OF AIKIDO.
OH AND IF YOU COULD, KEEP THIS QUIET FROM EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY GINGA
.....
FINE WITH ME. THERE'S AN OPPONENT I ABSOLUTELY CAN'T LOSE OUT TO SO I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU TELL ME!!
I WILL ACCEPT YOU AS MY STUDENT. WORK HARD.
NOW, FOR MY FIRST LESSON AS YOUR MASTER.
EH? NAH, I WOULDN'T SAY WE'RE FRIENDS, OR..

WHAAA...
.....
WHAAAT THE FREAKIN' HELL !!?
GULP

SO TIGHT...
OH, WE'LL BE DOING TONS OF ACTION STUFF, AND PLUS,
SINCE WE'LL BE MOVING AROUND TOGETHER, WE'LL HAVE TONS OF TIME FOR TRAINING.
I'VE REALLY GOT TO THANK YOU AND THE GUARDIAN FOR THIS, HINO-SAN
WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR FACE IS TURNING RED AND BLUE.
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Manga Club
Anime Club
Game Club
Sci-fi Club
H-, HINO-SENPAI! DO I REALLY GOTTA DO THIS FOR MY TRAINING !!?
WELL, YEAH, BUT, BUT, BUT...
CAN'T FUCKIN' BELIEVE I'M PLAYIN' ACTION HERO WITH THESE KIDS, THIS'S SO DAMN HUMILIATING!!
BUT WHEN WE START FILMING YOU'LL HAVE THE FULL SUIT, IT'S GONNA LOOK TOTALLY COOL!
NO WORRIES ♡
RIGHT NOW, THEY LOOK LIKE PLAIN OLD TIGHTS

STRETCH
STRETCH
IT'S A LITTLE TIGHT...
WE'VE CHANGED.
YEAH, SORRY, WE DIDN'T KNOW YOUR MEASUREMENTS, SO WE HAD TO, UH... MAKE DO
THIS IS TOTALLY PERFECT...
CURVY
PLUMP
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
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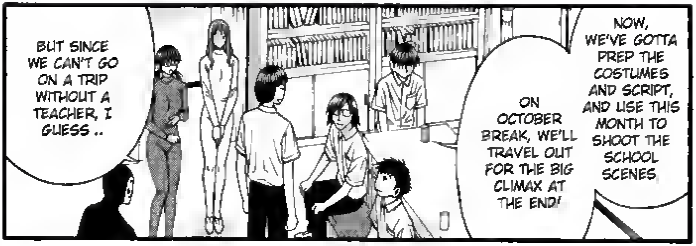

BUT SINCE WE CAN'T GO ON A TRIP WITHOUT A TEACHER, I GUESS..
ON OCTOBER BREAK, WE'LL TRAVEL OUT FOR THE BIG CLIMAX AT THE END!
NOW, WE'VE GOTTA PREP THE COSTUMES AND SCRIPT, AND USE THIS MONTH TO SHOOT THE SCHOOL SCENES.

HURRAY!
I WAS KINDA LISTENING IN WHEN YOU WERE ALL TALKING, BUT IT SURE SOUNDS FUN.

SURE
I'LL GO WITH YOU, IF YOU LIKE. ♡
KISA-RAGI-SENSEI !?

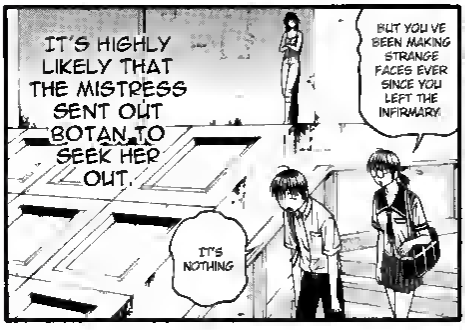
.....

RATHER THAN BLACK, SHE'S CLOSER TO A LIGHT BROWN
I THINK THIS IS THE GIRL BOTAN WAS MEANING, AND IF SO, SHE'S WRONG.

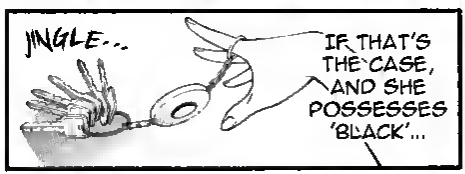
BUT NOW ! ! , I'VE FOUND SOMEONE ELSE WORTH WATCHING...
AND THERE SHE IS.

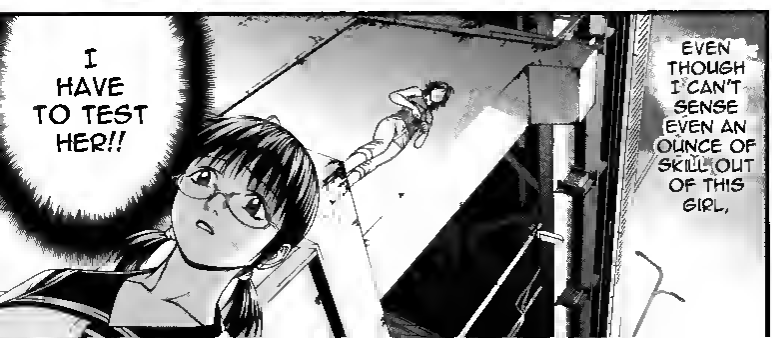
THAT GIRL'S YELLOW FORM IS POLISHED TO PERFECTION, BUT SHE'S NOT WELL TRAINED IN BLUE OR RED...

A DAUGHTER THAT THE MISTRESS LEFT OUT OF THE FAMILY RECORD.
THE ONE WHO CARRIES THE SAME NAME AS THE MISTRESS -- GETTOU MOTOKO!


IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THE MISTRESS SENT OUT BOTAN TO SEEK HER OUT.
BUT YOU'VE BEEN MAKING STRANGE FACES EVER SINCE YOU LEFT THE INFIRMARY.
IT'S NOTHING

YOU REALLY DON'T FEEL TOO BAD?
UH HUH ..


JINGLE...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, AND SHE POSSESSES 'BLACK'...


I HAVE TO TEST HER!!
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SENSE EVEN AN OUNCE OF SKILL OUT OF THIS GIRL,

YOU TROUBLE-SOME CHILD.
WHO;S THERE!?
!!

SU-
MIRE-
SA-
!
LIFT
SPARKLE
UGH...

AHHH...
DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE. YOU CAN FEEL IT, CAN'T YOU?
IF I MOVE IT JUST A FEW MILLIMETERS, THE BLADE WILL CUT IN, AND YOUR HEART WILL RUPTURE.
DOKE
SHAKE SHAKE
EVERY TIME YOUR HEART BEATS, IT TOUCHES THIS BLADE.
DOKE

EVEN IF WE'RE OF THE SAME FAMILY, IF YOU INTERFERE IN MY WORK, YOU WILL BE REMOVED.
BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT, SORA.
F-, FORGIVE ME, SUMIRE-SAMA... IT'S JUST, I HEARD THAT 'BLACK' WAS IN THIS SCHOOL AND I-...
SO YOU DID HEAR SOMETHING FROM BOTAN.
SMIRK
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS. I WANTED TO SEE HER FOR MYSELF, TOO.
IT'S SAID THAT, UNLESS YOU CAN CHANGE THE MUSCULAR BALANCE OF YOUR BODY, BLACK IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE.
BUT THERE ARE SOME SPECIAL CIRCUM-STANCES THAT COULD MAKE IT EASIER.

THAT ASIDE, IT BECOMES A PROBLEM IF A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY COMMITS AGGRESSION ON HER DIRECTLY.
SUCH AN ACT COULD LEAD TO HER FEELING ANIMOSITY TOWARDS OUR ENTIRE CLAN.
Y-, YES MA'AM.
I'M GLAD YOU UNDER-STAND ♡
LIFT
!
HAAH
STAGGER
HAAH
YOU SHOULD AVOID MOVING FOR A WHILE.
THERE'S NO DAMAGE TO YOUR HEART, LUNGS, RIBS, OR ARTERIES, SO YOU'LL HEAL QUICKLY.
STAY OUT OF MY WAY AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO DO AS YOU PLEASE.
JUMP
.....

SO I CAN STILL CONFIRM 'BLACK' AS LONG AS I DON'T INTERACT WITH HER DIRECTLY...
YES...
THANKS FOR TAKING ME BACK TO MY PLACE, KOSUKEGAWA-KUN.
... SURE.
... WELL,
GOOD NIGH-
!

!!
WE'VE
WE'VE GOT TO MAKE LOTS OF GOOD MEMORIES!
START-ING RIGHT NOW!
LOTS OF THEM!
EEK ...!

DOES YOUR HEAD HURT THAT MUCH?
HIC
HIC
IF YOU WERE TO LEAVE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT-
NO... I'M JUST SCARED.
.....
BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT, SO I GET MORE WORRIED..
I'M NOT SUPER STRONG LIKE HIFUMI.
SHUFFLE..
WELL ...
I'M JUST A PLAIN GIRL, BUT,
KO-SUKE-GAWA-KUN ?
UGH ...
UUGH
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EVER DO THAT.....

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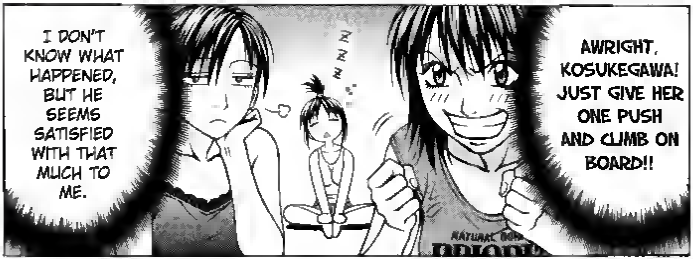
THIS WARMTH IS ALL I NEED TO CARRY ON


I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT HE SEEMS SATISFIED WITH THAT MUCH TO ME.
NNN
AWRIGHT, KOSUKEGAWA! JUST GIVE HER ONE PUSH AND CLIMB ON BOARD!!

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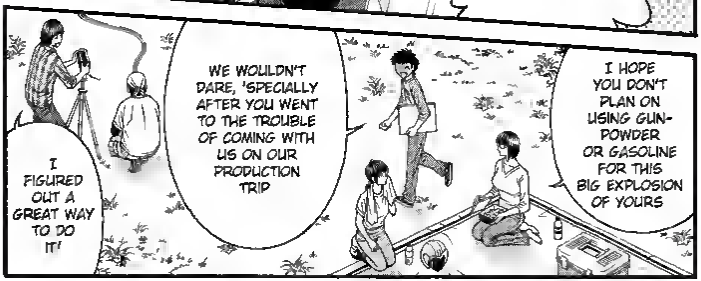
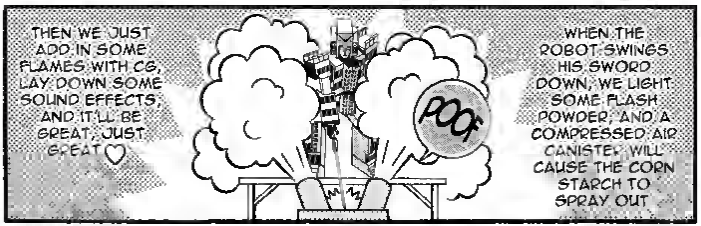

I FIGURED OUT A GREAT WAY TO DO IT!
WE WOULDN'T DARE, 'SPECIALLY AFTER YOU WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF COMING WITH US ON OUR PRODUCTION TRIP
I HOPE YOU DON'T PLAN ON USING GUN-POWDER OR GASOLINE FOR THIS BIG EXPLOSION OF YOURS


THEN WE JUST ADD IN SOME FLAMES WITH CG, LAY DOWN SOME SOUND EFFECTS, AND IT'LL BE GREAT, JUST GREAT♡
POOF
WHEN THE ROBOT SWINGS HIS SWORD DOWN, WE LIGHT SOME FLASH POWDER, AND A COMPRESSED AIR CANISTER WILL CAUSE THE CORN STARCH TO SPRAY OUT

FINAL
ATTAAAACK!!

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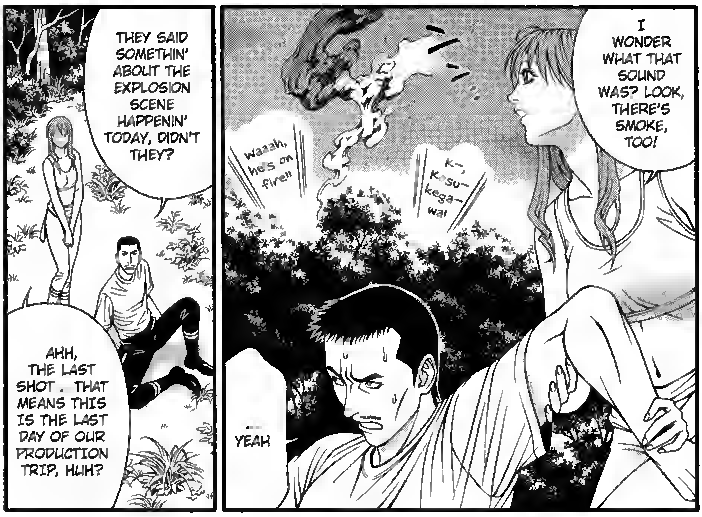
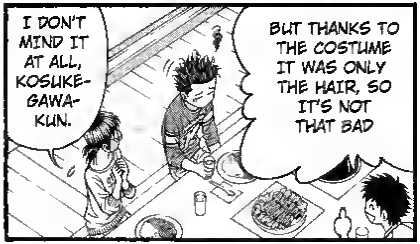
*GOOD AND BAD CHILDREN ALIKE PLEASE DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME.
IT... EXPLODED!?
!!
THE REST'LL BLOW UP...
HIII
YOWCH!

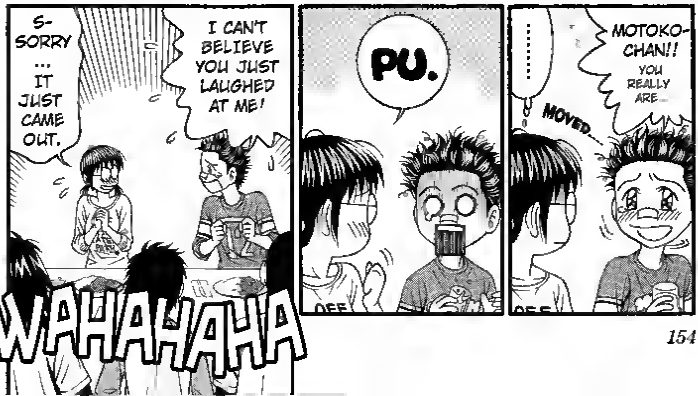

THEY SAID SOMETHIN' ABOUT THE EXPLOSION SCENE HAPPENIN' TODAY, DIDN'T THEY?
AHH, THE LAST SHOT. THAT MEANS THIS IS THE LAST DAY OF OUR PRODUCTION TRIP, HUH?
Waaah, he's on fire!
K-Ku-kega-wa!
I WONDER WHAT THAT SOUND WAS? LOOK, THERE'S SMOKE, TOO!
...YEAH

I'LL BE THERE!
SHOUT
I WILL!
GUARDIAN, NOW THAT YOU KNOW ALL THE FOUNDATION THAT I CAN TEACH YOU, YOU'LL HAVE TO PRACTICE THE TECHNIQUE UNTIL YOUR BODY REMEMBERS IT.
SMILE
STARTING TOMORROW, YOU'LL SPAR EVERY MORNING AT SCHOOL. THINK YOU CAN GET UP EARLY ENOUGH?
YOU'RE SUCH A NICE GUY, MISTER GUARDIAN
DOING ALL THIS JUST TO KEEP UP WITH GINGA.
WHAT!?
NOO... IT'S...
I JUST CAN'T STAND IT WHEN PEOPLE LOOK DOWN ON ME
GUARDIAN
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH THAT LOUD-MOUTHED MONKEY
GUARDIAN
ke ke ke
SLAP SLAP

I'M ASHAMED TO EVEN WALK OUTSIDE!
HOW CAN YOU SAY IT WAS "SAFE"!? MY HAIR, IT'S TOTALLY... TOTALLY...!

ALRIGHT! HERE'S TO THE SAFE COMPLETION OF OUR FILM! CHEERS!
CHEERS~
LOTS MORE STUFF HAPPENED THIS TIME, HINO-SAN'S FAMILY LETTING US USE THEIR VILLA, AND KISARAGI-SENSEI COMING ALONG, TOO♡


I DON'T MIND IT AT ALL, KOSUKE-GAWA-KUN.
BUT THANKS TO THE COSTUME IT WAS ONLY THE HAIR, SO IT'S NOT THAT BAD

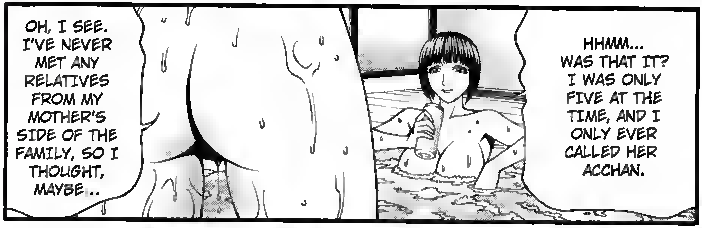

S-SORRY ... IT JUST CAME OUT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST LAUGHED AT ME!
WAHAHAHA
PU.
MOTOKO-CHAN!! YOU REALLY ARE...
MOVED...

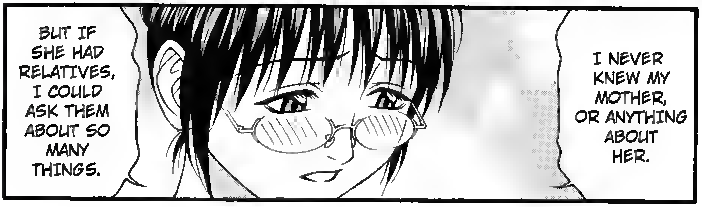
YEAH, RIGHT
COOL
SMILE
IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ME AS WELL, MR. DIRECTOR.
I NEVER IMAGINED WE'D BE ABLE TO CAST HINO-SAN AND THE GUARDIAN IN THE LEAD ROLES.
I KNOW IT'S JUST A CHEEZY SCI-FI MOVIE, BUT FOR ME, IT'S A PRECIOUS HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY.
THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU!
NOW LOOK, YOU'RE SURE NO ONE'S GONNA SEE MY FACE, OR MY NAME, RIGHT? I'M ASKIN' YOU...?
OH, I KNOW, I KNOW, YOU HAVE YOUR REPUTATION AS THE GUARDIAN TO THINK ABOUT.
IT'S EM-BARRASSING ENOUGH HAVING EVERYONE CALL ME GUARDIAN ALL THE TIME
THANKS, I GUESS
I'M GLAD WE FOUND SOMEONE WILLING TO HELP WITH THE SPECIAL EFFECTS!
BUT THE SURREALISM OF THE WHOLE THING TURNED OUT PRETTY NEAT ♡
WE ESTABLISHED THAT THE GAKU RANGERS ARE ALWAYS WEARING THEIR SUITS AT SCHOOL
ARE JUST TOO RIDICULOUSLY LAID BACK.
YOU GUYS...

BEING OUT HERE, UNDER THE NIGHT SKY, BEER IN ONE HAND, AN OPEN AIR BATH. I'M SUCH A LUCKY GIRL♡
PUHHH
BUBBLE
I HEARD THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO MAKE A HOT SPRING, BUT WE WEREN'T ABLE TO DIG HERE...
BUBBLE
THIS IS WONDERFUL ENOUGH. OHHHHHHH ... I'M SO TIRED ...
BUBBLE

HIBIKI WAS THE FIRST TO WAKE UP FIRST THIS MORNING, WASN'T SHE...?
EH!? OH, R-, REALLY?
Shock
GOOD JOB, YOU TWO. I WAS QUITE SURPRISED BY THE ACTION SCENES.
I HAD HEARD THAT HINO-SAN WAS A MARTIAL ARTIST, BUT...
GETTOU-SAN IS QUITE AMAZING IN A PINCH.
.....
H-, HINO-SAN.
I FOUND IT ASTONISHING TO SEE GETTOU-SAN MOVING AROUND SO DIFFERENTLY FROM TIME TO TIME, LIKE SHE WAS ANOTHER PERSON.
I WONDER HOW ACCHAN'S DOING...
.....
TWENTY YEARS AGO, IN MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE WAS A GIRL BY THE NAME OF GETTOU.
HMMM, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, GETTOU IS AN UNUSUAL SURNAME.

THAT'S MY MOTHER'S NAME!
AG-CHAN... COULD IT BE THAT THAT PERSON'S FIRST NAME WAS ASAGI!?
BOING


OH, I SEE. I'VE NEVER MET ANY RELATIVES FROM MY MOTHER'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY, SO I THOUGHT, MAYBE..
HHMM... WAS THAT IT? I WAS ONLY FIVE AT THE TIME, AND I ONLY EVER CALLED HER ACCHAN.


BUT IF SHE HAD RELATIVES, I COULD ASK THEM ABOUT SO MANY THINGS.
I NEVER KNEW MY MOTHER, OR ANYTHING ABOUT HER.

HAH
EH!?
YES, I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL,
BUT IF YOU KEEP STANDING THERE LIKE THAT, ANYBODY CAN PEEK AT YOU AS MUCH AS THEY'D LIKE.
I-.IS SOMEONE PEEKING!?
THE BOYS'RE PLAYING CARDS.
OH?
MY IMAGINATION, I GUESS.
YOU'VE ALREADY ATTAINED BLUE, SORA, YOU REALLY MUST LEARN TO HIDE YOUR PRESENCE MORE THOROUGHLY.
!?
SUMIRE-SAMA... NOTICED ME!!
FLICK
YEAH, DAIFUGO!
Can't we just start over

TL NOTE "RICH MAN" FROM DAIFUGO/DAIHINMIN, MORE EXPLAINED AT THE END

FINALLY, IT'S OVER.
FUU.
WE'LL SPLIT UP HERE. GREAT JOB, EVERY-ONE
TOMORROW, WE'LL BEGIN THE GRUELING EDITING PROCESS. BUT WE'LL SEE YOU ALL AT THE FESTIVAL!
I'M NO GOOD AT GROUP ACTIVITIES...
YO!
Hey, I'm the director.
I JUST DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT ALL THIS STUFF.
No! It's gotta be the beam blade!
He should use a kick here!
WAI WAI
The mystery guy's final attack has to be a combined weapon!
AIZAWA, WHAT UP!
ROGER!

HEY MAN, WANNA GRAB SOME CASH FROM THE PRICKS OVER THERE AND GO FOR KARAOKE?
..... I SEE THEY'RE STILL UP TO THE SAME WORTHLESS TRICKS
CAN'T. EARLY MORNING TOMOR-ROW.
WHAT, SCHOOL? SKIP THAT SHIT, MAN!
COME ON, YOU WON'T CHILL WITH US NO MORE!
YOU HAVIN' TOO MUCH A BLAST AT SCHOOL!?
SCHOOL IS THE SAME SHIT AS ALWAYS,
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT A STUDENT DOESN'T HAVE THINGS HE'S GOTTA DO!

LATER.
.....
TOSA!
SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO HANG WITH HIS OLD CITY PALS, THEN!
KEH!
GUY'S A JERK-OFF, BUT HE'S A GODDAMN BEAST.
I SAY, WE ALL JUMP HIM, RIGHT NOW, AND WE CAN BEAT HIM.
WHAT, YOU DON'T THINK WE CAN TAKE HIM?
AND US, WE'RE ALWAYS IN STREET FIGHTS.
HE'S PROBABLY GETTIN' LAZY, SITTIN' IN SCHOOL
THAT COULD BE A GOOD IDEA,
!?
BUT IF YOU'RE JUST GONNA BRUISE HIM UP ANYWAY, WHY NOT DO IT WHERE IT'LL HURT THE MOST?
WHO'RE YOU .....

WHY NOT JOIN IN ON MY PLAN?
IF IT GOES RIGHT, THEN GOOD THINGS MIGHT HAPPEN ♡
YOU GOT A BEEF WITH AIZAWA, TOO?
I HAVE MY REASONS.
HEHE
..... AND IF I JOIN IN WITH YOU, WHAT GOOD THINGS MIGHT HAPPEN TO ME?

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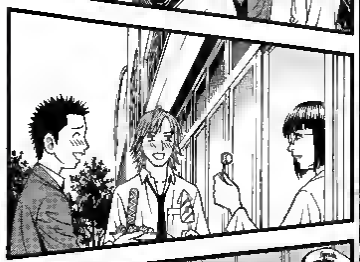
GAKU RANGERS
NOW SCREENING
IN ROOM
401!!



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SAOTOME ACADEMY

UGH... I THOUGHT THAT WHEN CLASS DUTIES WERE OVER, WE COULD GO PLAY.
TEAR
TEAR
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS ...?

FLIP
TAKE A LOOK!! YOU FILED FOR TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP, AND SINCE YOU HAVEN'T CANCELED FOR HALF A YEAR, YOU OFFICIALLY BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CLUB.
TA DAH
TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP
Class 1-C GINGA
THE JUDO CLUB'S YAKITORI SKEWERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SOLD BY THE FIRST-YEARS BUT SINCE WE'RE SHORT-HANDED, AGAIN, WE'VE GOT TO DO IT THIS YEAR, TOO
Me, and Osada-san, and...
I'M NOT EVEN IN THE JUDO CLUB!!
Ueeeehm...
COUGH
COUGH
GINGA, HURRY UP WITH THAT COAL. WE'RE WAITING ON YOU!
WE SHOULD BE THE ONES CRYING! LOOK HERE,
YOU PEOPLE-SNATCHERS ...
YOU...
LAW !!
THAT'S WHEN YOU DID IT, ISN'T IT? THAT MEANS THIS IS
WE LOOKED FOR AIZAWA, BUT WE COULDN'T FIND HIM!
SO RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE ONLY FIRST-YEAR IN OUR CLUB.
WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE GUARDIAN? HE SIGNED THE DUMB FORMS, TOO!!
おもいやり
ファンコンザート
Gasss

KOSUKEGAWA IN A ROBOT COSTUME WASN'T ENOUGH TO BRING 'EM IN THIS MORNING.
YOU CAN HAND THESE OUT.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS OUT... I GOTTA PULL ON THESE TIGHTS AGAIN.
THIS'S OUR LAST CHANCE TO REALLY SELL IT, SO LET'S GO FOR IT♡
NOW SCREENING THE YOUNG GAKU RANGERS MOVIEEE!
COME FIND OUT ABOUT THE SUBCULTURE RESEARCH CLUB'S MOVIE SCREENiiiING!

HEY, THANKS. IT'S SO HARD TO MOVE IN THIS THING, AND I WAS OUT OF FLIERS.
GAKU RANGERS NOW SCRIMMAGING IN ROOM 401!!
KOSUKE-GAWA-KUN, WE CAME TO HELP OUT.
HERE
ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED. FEEL FREE TO GO NUTS ♡
OK!
?
!!
OUTTA THE WAY, BITCHES !!

AIZAWA-
KUUUUN!
COME OUT TO PLAAAY !!
COME ON, IT'S NOT SAFE HERE. WE'LL GO INSIDE THE SCHOOL.
TH-, THOSE GUYS ...!!

WOBBLE...
KYAH!
W-, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
SLIDE
ARE THOSE AIZAWA'S FRIENDS !?
YOUR SCHOOL FES-TIVAL
IS SHIT, AIZA-WA!!
UWAAH!
CLANK
AH.
FIRE!
GINGA, WATER!
POINT
RIGHT!

STO-...
STOP THIS !!
YOUR AGE!
YOU SHOULD ACT

FAINT~
GET-TOU-SAN!
HIS HEAD...
HIIH!
AH...
AH!! FUJIKO-SAN ♡
MOTOKO IS AS GULLIBLE AS EVER.

HER 'KI' CHANGED !!
K-, KO-SUKE GAA!
S-, SOMEONE, PICK ME UP...
KYA-AAA!
NO-OO!
..... LOOKS LIKE HE JUST CAN'T GET BACK UP.
.....
FLAP FLAP
SHOT!
SHOT!
SCHOOL'S SHIT BECAUSE OF THE STUDYING AND THE RULES...

YOU SAY SOME-THIN' !?
SCREECH
AAAH?
YOU LITTLE OTAKU PRICK!
CRACK
BUT YOU GUYS ARE WORSE SHIT!!

STARE
AIZAWA !?
PFT!
SO THIS IS WHY YOU'RE SO BUSY, HUH? KUKUKU
AH...
EH?
.....

SO, WHAT? ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF DEFENDER OF JUSTICE?
KONK KONK
WE CAME TO BEAT YOUR ASS, BUT I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO PUT ON A SHOW FOR US, TOO
JUMP
.....
フランクフルト
DEFENDER OF JUSTICE? ... DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
I'M

THE GUARDIAN.
AND IT'S THE GUARDIAN'S JOB TO PROTECT THE SCHOOL AND THE STUDENTS.
YOU AIN'T NOTHING !!
IT DOES, DOESN'T IT? ♡
IT SEEMS WE'RE THE WINGMEN, THIS TIME.
GO FOR IT, GUARD-IAN!!
GET 'EM GOOD !!
WAY TO GO, AIZAWA !!
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GUA-AAH !!
WH-, WHY YOU!

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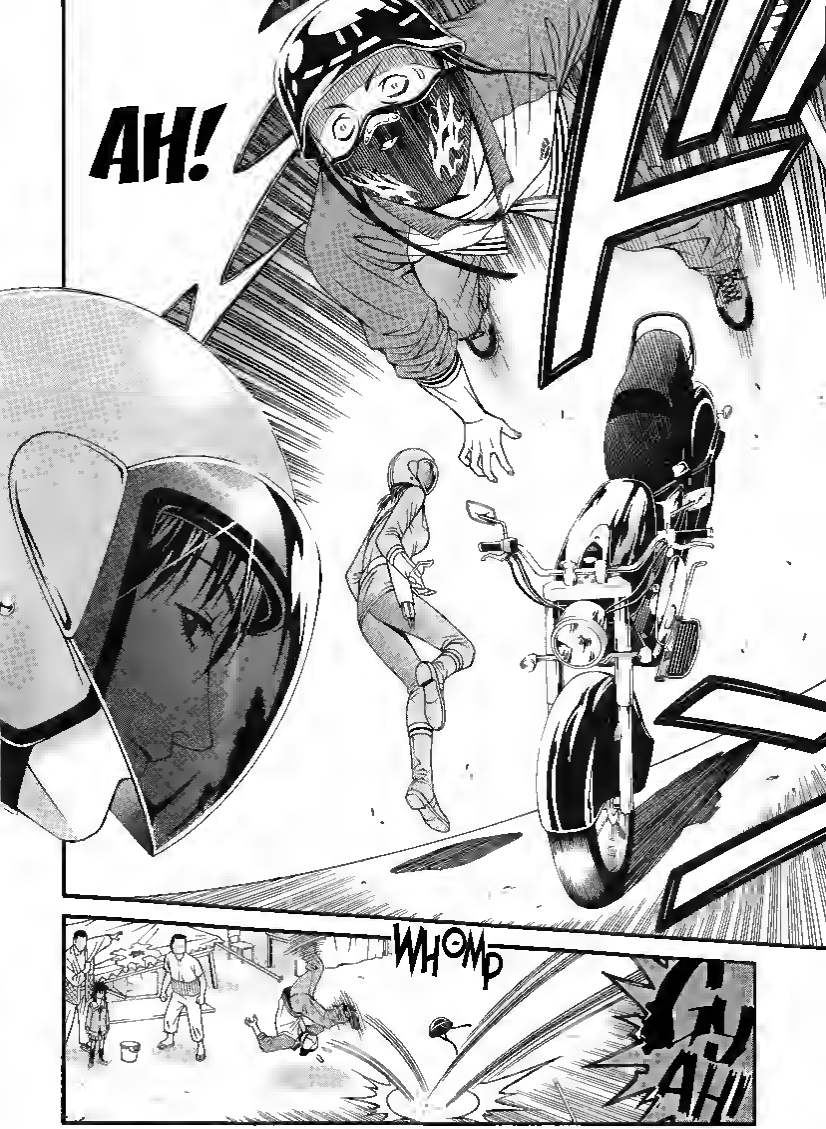

AH!
WHOMP
AH!

FLOAT
!!
OH, JUDO CLUB!? PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR ME ♡
WHAM
UGH ...

AH.
FLOP..
... AW, MAN.
I STARTED FIGHTING THE OLD WAY WITHOUT THINKIN' ABOUT IT.
FUHH..
I GUESS MY BODY STILL DOESN'T REMEMBER AIKIDOU.

AWESOME, GUARDIAN !!
SO THE GUARDIAN WAS GAKU BLACK!?
GUARDIAN, YOU ROCK ♡
WHOO HOO, GUARDIAN !!
GUARD-IAN!
GUARD-IAN!
2-Aクレープ
You called yourself the guardian
OH, SHIT...
GUARD-IAN!
FLUSH
GUARD-IAN!
GUARD-IAN!
霜月祭
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT A BUNCH OF FOOLS COULD NEVER BRING OUT 'BLACK',
BUT STILL

I AT LEAST KNOW HOW TO DRAW OUT THE POWER OF GETTOU MOTOKO.
Ver15
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
IT'S HIM! HE'S THE KEY!
COME ON, SOMEONE PICK ME UP

Translation Note!

I've got two things for you today. First off, the card game that kosukegawa and the gang are playing is called "daifugo/daihinmin" (in English that would be "Rich Man/Poor Man"). It's actually pretty similar to a game I played in highschool called 'Asshole' (and apparently is has more politically correct names like President and Capitalism... but really, all three are very similar). The objective is to be the first person to play all of your cards. It's a multi-round game where the person who won the previous round has an advantage in the next round. For rules and a better description, I'd recommend typing daifugo into Google and reading up.

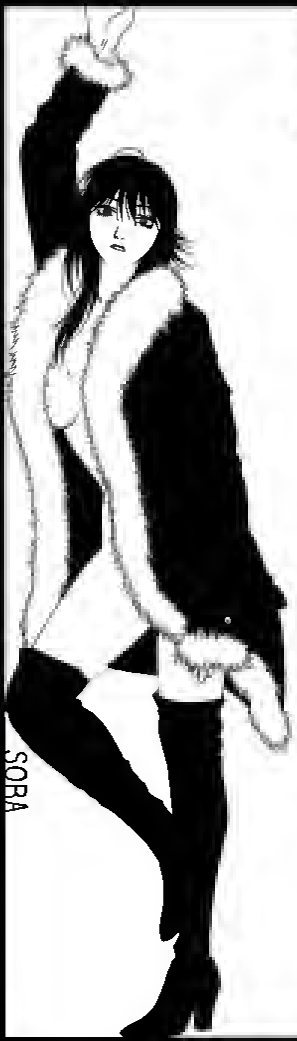
Now, other things!
If you're reading this as it's released (specifically, April 28th, 2009), then you've just finished reading the last published volume of Change 123! Now, don't misunderstand and think that I mean it's over, because it's still very much on-going, but this is the last volume available for purchase right now.

What does that mean to you guys? I'm so glad you asked.

We will now be releasing Change 123 using magazine scans starting in chapter 45! It's probably not all that exciting for you guys, but being so close to being 100% caught up on a project like this is a big deal from my side of the internet.

But what's the bad news? There's bad news, right?

Yup. The downside to being caught up is that there are no more chapters to translate for A WHOLE MONTH. That means that once we finish chapter 48, you'll have to wait a whole freakin' month until you get to read chapter 49, and no amount of annoying questions about when it'll come will get it to you any sooner. Isn't that great? Anyway, hope you guys enjoyed this volume and look forward to the mag scans as much as I do. Cheers.
-Snoopy



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